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AMERICAN-CUBAN TREATY.

U. S. Explanation Given to British by State Department.

London, March 25.—Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, said an answer had been received from the United States State Department to the British representative with respect to the American-Cuban reciprocity treaty, to the effect that the conclusion of the treaty was based on the prerogative of independent nations to enter into such a compact for their mutual benefit.

VENEZUELAN CLAIMS.

England and Germany Agree on Terms to Be Submitted to The Hague.

London, March 25.—With the exception of one or two minor details, England and Germany have now agreed on the terms of the protocol submitting the claims of the allies for separate treatment in the settlement wih Venezuela to The Hague. Italy yesterday instructed her ambassador at Washington to agree to the Anglo-German draft. It is expected that the finished protocol will be submitted to Mr. Bowen this week.

Striker Fined Fifty Dollars

Vancouver Magistrate Mulcts Man Who Interferes In Another's Business.

Disintegration of Labor Unions Caused By Work of Socialists.

Clerks Claim that Strike Was Illegally Called and Resume Work.

From Our Own Corespondent.

Vancouver, March 25.—Williams, the striker who got on the train carrying three substitute sailors for the C. P. R. and induced them not to go to work, has been fined $50 by police magistrate Russell for "trying to have C. P. R. conduct their business the way the strikers wanted it, and for trying to compel men not to go to work." Williams handed a dodger to the sailors, which read, "Don't be a scab; be a man," and continued to say to them, in the presence of the C. P. R. officials in charge of them, "Don't be a scab, boys."

Marvin, a substitute clerk, was fined $10 for pointing a revolver at a striker who was doing picket duty. Marvin swore the striker, whose name was Parker, butted into him and called him vile names, and in fear of being set upon, he pointed a revolver at him, the cylinder of which had been removed. The magistrate said he would impose the lightest penalty he could for carrying a weapon.

"There is no fishermen's union. They have thrown up their charter and are scattered and disorganized. The element of Socialism has killed the union. In Westminster a shadow of the former strong organization is struggling to keep its head above water, but there is no regularly organized body with which the canners can deal."

These are the words of Mr. J. H. Watson, the prominent member of the Trades and Labor Council. Mr. Watson further said that the Westminster so-called fishermen's union was discredited by legitimate labor unions, and that if the canners were wise they would not treat with that body as they did not represent the fishermen, in fact represented no one, but a small number of fishermen which constituted the so-called union. Mr. Watson further stated in this connection that this element of Socialism was discrediting labor unionism to a serious extent in British Columbia. They had not only broken up the Fishermen's Union, but were disorganizing the Miners' Union at Fernie, and were discrediting labor unionism through the U. B. R. E. strike, and that this was demonstrated by the other unions in the railway service refusing to aid the strikers. That at Fernie the striking miners were affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners, a body who had declared for Socialism, and it was the Socialists who had induced the men to tie up the Kootenay coal industry, and that unionism should not be discredited or blamed for the unwarranted U. B. R. E. and Fernie strikes, for Socialism was to blame and Socialism only

Mr. M. Ireland, the well known timber man, says that he has received another letter from Mr. Merrill, who owns large tracts of timber bought in British Columbia in the early days, regarding his trip to British Columbia for the purpose of buying up a lot of timber. He expects that Mr. Merrill will reach Vancouver from Seattle any day now, and he is waiting in Vancouver to receive him.

Boyline, the man charged with soliciting subscriptions for the Ladies' Home Journal, and appropriating moneys collected in this way to his own use, with no intention of delivering the Journals, appeared before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon, and pleaded guilty. He said that the policeman who arrested him had told him that his "graft" was worked here before, and he suggested to the magistrate that this fact might prejudice the court against him. He then added in a trembling voice, "God knows I am no criminal, it was a cowardly way to get money, but I hope the court will show mercy." Magistrate Russell told the prisoner he was smooth, that he had to be smooth in the business he was in, that he was afraid if he let him go that he would be taken for an old lady and an attempt be made to add his name to the long list of lady subscribers in the book before him. He would therefore put him out of the way by giving him six months at hard labor.

Governor Congdon, of the Yukon, spoke of many Yukon matters to the press yesterday. He said he would like the gold tax to fall more lightly on the individual miner if a means could be devised. He thought the banks in the Yukon were giving good returns for gold, and this did away with the chief argument in favor of a Yukon assay office. The government will consider a scheme for a public water system for the creeks. The agitation for a smelter at White Horse, he thought, should be considered after more development work had been done.

The striking clerks who returned to work have issued a signed statement giving their reasons for going back. They claim the strike was unconstitutional, that it could only be called by the president, and that the vote taken which resulted in the strike, was not representative.

Dr. Wesley Mills, the authority on dogs, who will act as judge at the forthcoming dog show in Victoria, is in Vancouver. He is to lecture in Vancouver on dog life before going to Victoria. Dr. Wesley Mills book "On the nature and development of animal intelligence" is well known.

The 11-year-old son of a prominent West End citizen rang in an alarm of fire from the box on the corner of Thurlow and Nelson street yesterday afternoon and caused no end of trouble. The alarm was very promptly answered, and in a few minutes the corner of Thurlow and Nelson was black with people. A passer-by who saw the youngster lift the glass of the alarm box and turn the key informed a policeman, who called at the house where the parents of the boy resided. No arrest followed, but the boy got such a scare that he will remember it to the end of his days.

A map has been received at the timber inspector's office showing the location of all timber for which a timber license has been granted marked in yellow. This map gives an idea of the great amount of timber under license.

J. B. Charleson is on his way to inspect the Vancouver-Dawson telegraph line. In speaking of the projected line from Ashcroft to Vancouver, Mr. Charleson says that the government will likely pass the estimates for this line next session. This line will be run entirely independent of any other line. It will likely follow the old Cariboo road and branch off to Chilliwack, passing several Fraser Valley towns en route to Vancouver.

The Vancouver champion basketball team are to visit the Sound to try conclusions with Portland and Seattle teams.

Mr. E. J. Coyle, passenger agent of the C. P. R., has received word from Montreal that the Imperial Limited train will be put on in June.

LATHERS AT WORK.

Decide to Resume Operation at Old Scale of Wages.

Schnectady, N. Y., March 25.—The Lathers' Union, which threatened to tie up the building trades of the city until their terms of $2.25 per thousand or 55 cents an hour were granted, decided today to go back to work at the old scale of $2 per thousand or 40 cents an hour. The lathers failed to secure the support of the Carpenters Union, and many of the union lathers quit the union and went to work as non-union men. The union has fined eight of these $25 each and one $50, and will not re-admit them to membership until the fines are paid.

Brave Soldier's Untimely End

Sir Hector Macdonald Ends His Life by a Pistol Shot.

Reads Published Accounts of Charges and Tragedy Follows.

Paris, March 25.—Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts, were filed some time ago, committed suicide at the Hotel Regina here. He shot himself in the right temple shortly after noon, and expired a few minutes later.

The General was alone in his small chamber at the hotel at the time of the tragedy. One of the female attendants heard the pistol shot, and opening the door, saw the General's figure outstretched on the floor, with the blood gushing from a bullet wound in the head. She ran screaming to the balcony overlooking the lobby of the hotel, where many guests, including a number of ladies, were assembled.

The proprietor was the first to reach the expiring man. Medical help was immediately summoned, but was found to be useless, death ensuing quickly. The commissary of police was notified and, accompanied by a doctor, proceeded to a preliminary investigation.

No money or papers of any kind were found in Sir Hector's baggage. Two notes written in English were found lying on a table in his room, and they were taken possession of by the authorities, but it is understood their contents have no bearing on the suicide. In the General's coat, lying on the bed, were found some photographs.

The British Ambassador and Consulate were notified later, and Consul-General Inglis came to the hotel and took charge of the body, which was placed on the bed. The door was then locked, the Consul taking the key. The French officials took possession of the revolver.

Sir Hector Macdonald arrived in Paris last Friday evening from London on his way back to Ceylon, where it was understood that an immediate court martial would be held to clear up the charges made against him. On reaching the hotel at 11 o'clock at night, he was told that only a small and indifferent room was available. He replied that that was quite sufficient. He was not accompanied by any aides-de-camp or valet. He said he intended only to stay a day or two in Paris.

Little was seen of him since his arrival. He was, however, in the hotel lobby about noon today, and it is believed that a newspaper printed in English containing a resume of the grave charges brought against him, and embellished with the General's portrait, full-uniformed, came under his attention. He left the lobby, going to his room, and the pistol shot followed soon after. No arrangements have yet been made as to the disposition of the body, which is subject to the order of the British authorities. Both the British embassy and Consul-General agencies have advised London of the tragedy, and are awaiting definite instructions. The General's suicide has profoundly shocked the British officials here. Those about the hotel who had conversed with Sir Hector Macdonald recently say he showed no signs of excitement or mental worry.

London, March 25.—The tragic end of "Fighting Mac," who, the son of a Highland cottar, rose from a position of draper's assistant to be an honored general in the British army, has caused great surprise and deep sorrow in London. The nature of the offences with which he was charged had not become generally known to the public, but had been common gossip in military circles, and although in the army and among his Highland comrades especially there is keen grief, their feeling is that it was "better to die thus than face dishonor."

Sir Hector was separated from his wife many years ago, and before he got his commission. He has not lived with her since. He leaves a son who is being educated in an English public school.

Sir Hector's great chance came when as a sergeant during the Afghan campaign of 1879, with a small force, he by a furious bayonet charge cleared out a body of Afghans who were lying in ambush for Lord Roberts. For this feat Lord Roberts offered him the choice of the Victoria Cross or a commission. He chose the latter.

His greatest military achievement was leading the Black Soudanese brigade in the Omdurman campaign against the Khalifa.

The official announcement made by the Governor of Ceylon in the legislature Monday, that Major-General Macdonald would be court martialed, and the publicity given to the affair, were evidently the determining motives for the suicide.

His friends attribute the unfortunate business to his broken health and shattered nerves, the outcome of two campaigns in the Soudan and South Africa, an attack of dysentery and a touch of sunstroke while in action during the South African campaign, left serious effects, and a wound he received in the leg healed badly. It is stated that he often complained of pains in the head.

The newspapers here comment sympathetically on the inexpressibly pitiful end of a brave man, and say that his country will remember him best as the man of whom, on his return from Omdurman, King Edward, then Prince of Wales, greeting him, said: "In 1875 you were doing sentry in India, and now you are a general in the British army. I am proud to have met you."

Ireland's Greatest Day

Long Anticipated Irish Land Bill Introduced in British House.

Sixty Million Dollars Provided For the Purpose of the Measure.

Duke of Abercorn Says "Ancient Hatchet Has Been Buried."

London, March 25.—The Irish secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the government's long-anticipated Irish land bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. It proposes a free grant of $60,000,000 for the purpose of the bill. Tenants are to pay 3¼ per cent. interest on loans from the government.

Mr. Wyndham said he thought the scheme would not involve $500,000,000 but $750,000,000 could safely be advanced on Irish land. The advances to the tenants are limited to $2,500 in the congested districts, and $5,000 elsewhere.

The bill also provides that untenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants, and that three commissioners, to be known as Estates Commissioners, shall supervise the sales. The three commissioners are Michael Finucane, secretary to the Governor of Bengal; Reverend Frederick S. Wrench, now one of the Irish land commissioners, and Wm. F. Bailey, one of the assistant commissioners on the Irish land commission. They will be under the general control of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The bill will become effective November 1.

The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which it is hoped, will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was shown by the crowded House. The peers gallery and the distinguished strangers' gallery were filled and there has been no such gathering of members of parliament since the opening of the session.

Almost every Irish peer listened to Mr. Wyndham's exposition of the bill. From an early hour in the morning, the stone blue benches from the House of Commons entry to the doors of the lobby were packed with impatient Irishmen. Among whom were many priests. Most of these went away without seeing even the inside of the Legislative Chamber, the galleries of which were crowded as has not been the case for many a day.

Michael Davitt, Father of the Land League, celebrated his 57th birthday by re-entering the House for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the chief secretary for Ireland unfold his plans. For the most part the Liberal members sat glum, applause coming from the Irish benches.

A hush of expectancy fell on the assembly as John Redmond, the Irish leader, rose to speak. When the galleries of the House found him sympathetic and non-committal, there was a feeling of relief. What Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, and the others said had little effect. Even T. H. Russell, who, with others, criticized the merits and various omissions in Mr. Wyndham's plan, wound up with a gutteral and reluctant admission that "It is a great bill."

The passing of the first reading of the bill was followed by a rush to the lobby, where ensued scenes that might well make the ghost of Parnell turn in his grave. The tall form of Lord Dudley, the lord lieutenant of Ireland, could be seen amidst a crowd of Nationalists, who scarcely a year ago would rather have suffered every penalty than associate with the official head of Irish government. Beside Dudley stood the grizzled little Sir Anthony McDonald, the first National assistant Irish secretary. He it was who drafted the bill. Horace Plunkett, Lord Iveagh, Lord Ashburne and many Unionist members joined the group. The Duke of Abercorn, the most powerful landlord in Ireland, asked to be introduced to John Redmond, and a mutual friend brought the Duke to the leader of the Nationalist party, with whom the leader of the Irish landlords heartily shook hands, and they patched up the peace of Ireland over the House of Commons refreshment bar.

Earl Dunraven, who, with John Redmond, shares the greatest responsibility for the day's procedure, slipped out quietly to avoid congratulations. He said to the Associated Press correspondent: "I believe the bill will meet the requirements of all parties. Though I have not had a chance to read them, and cannot speak definitely concerning the details of the measure, it certainly seems as though a new era was dawning on a new Ireland. Mr. Wyndham to a great extent has followed the lines of our conference. I think the landlords and tenants, with perhaps some slight amendments, will be able to agree to the main principles of the bill.

The Duke of Abercorn said today's proceedings are certainly a matter for congratulations. "I hope the provisions of the bill will be carried out. It looks as though the ancient hatchet had been buried."

John Redmond said he was unable to add anything to his utterances in the House, but he seemed in quite a hopeful mood. Various members of his party, however, frankly discussed Mr. Wyndham's plan. The omission of adequate provision for those tenants already evicted, doubts whether the landlords would accede to the terms of the measure, and objections to the choice of Mr. Wrench as one of the three commissioners, seem to be the chief difficulties; but all the nationalist members appeared to be agreed that the bill went farther towards putting Ireland on a prosperous basis than any before introduced, especially as the system is intended to be administered on a commercial rather than on a judicial basis. Hitherto all the land acts have come under the interpretation of the judges, whose decisions could not be questioned.

The only skeleton at this political love feast was Michael Davitt, who, from the public gallery, aloof from his former comrades, listened to proposals which opposed all his economic ideas. Several Conservative members expressed to the Associated Press correspondent their anxiety at the government going more deeply into debt, but the general opinion was that the end justified the means.

MONTREAL'S DYKE WEAK.

Honeycombed by Muskrats and May Give Way Before Floods.

Montreal, March 25—The city authorities fear a flood if the water in the river does not soon recede. The permanent earthen dyke, in a good many places, has been honeycombed by muskrats, and it is feared that the water will force the dyke in weak places. At 2.30 the water in the harbor registered over 41 feet, but was gradually falling.

Parliament's Slow Progress

Business at Ottawa House Is Held Back in Government's Interest.

Agreed That Sessions Should Begin Not Later Than February.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 25.—The government tried to steal another day from the private members, but were held up and made little progress in Supply. The supposition is that the printing and translation of public bills is being purposely held back to enable the government to advance its business.

Mr. Grant, the new member for North Ontario, was introduced today amid Liberal applause.

After a lengthy discussion as to the date of meeting of parliament, it was the general opinion that the House should meet not later than the first week in February. Premier Laurier admitted that the late meeting this year was due to his ill-health.

The Premier, replying to Mr. Borden, said that the government had assented to the Alaska boundary arrangement.

A deputation of farmers saw the government today and protested against any increase in the tariff.

Mr. Earle was told by the Hon. Mr. Borden that the federal government claimed jurisdiction over the military reserve at the entrance to Port Moody.

Hon. Mr. Costigan gives notice of a resolution affirming the principle of home rule for Ireland.

The Grit caucus today was a family reunion. Redistribution will be considered at some later day.

THE GAMEY CHARGES.

Bill to Compel Witnesses to Answer Introduced at Toronto.

Toronto, March 25.—In connection with the Gamey charges, Attorney-General Gibson today introduced a bill in the legislature for the purpose of establishing beyond doubt the power of the commissioners to compel witnesses to answer questions. The bill was read a first and second time, and then laid over until tomorrow on Mr. Whitney's request. The debate was continued, the end not yet being in sight.

The legislature sat till half past ten tonight. Premier Ross gave notice of motion that when the House adjourns it stands adjourned to April 21.

CONSUMPTION IN NEW YORK.

Board of Health Take Action Owing to Alarming Prevalence.

New York, March 25.—Dr. Ledere, of the Board of Health today reported to Mayor Low that "Tuberculosis remains the greatest single cause of death in this city, and one which, in many opinions, demands more attention from the municipal authorities in the interest of the public health." The number of persons suffering from tuberculosis is variously estimated at from thirty to forty thousand, and many of these undoubtedly are infecting their associates, thus adding to the extent of the disease. I believe that the time has come when the city of New York should extend its facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis." He recommends the erection of a sanitarium on the tent plan. The deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in New York last year numbered 7,571.

COAL COMPANY IS ORGANIZED

British Columbia Concern Claims Measures Greater Than Crow's Nest.

Grand Forks, March 25.—At a general meeting of shareholders of the British Columbia Coal Company, held in this city today, the organization of the company was effected with a strong directorate of Toronto and Eastern capitalists. No doubt is entertained here that an unlimited supply of coking coal, surpassing that of the Crow's Nest Pass, exists upon the North fork of the Kettle river, within fifty miles of Grand Forks. When the development of this coal field is under way, it will occasion the erection of at least one additional smelter at this point; work will be begun at once, and the Granby smelter, already the second largest in the world, will have its capacity increased. H. E. Irwin, K.C., of Toronto, representing the Eastern shareholders, attended today's meeting. He expressed himself as well satisfied with the prospects of the company. Mr. Irwin added that development operations will be started at an early date and carried out on an extensive scale.

UNION PICKETS ENJOINED.

Philadelphia Court Holds They Are Engaged in Unlawful Practice.

Philadelphia, March 25.—An injunction was issued by one of the Common Pleas courts of this city restraining the striking moulders of Isaac A. Shepard & Co., stove manufacturers, from patrolling or picketing the plant, molesting and following the non-union men or from in any way interfering with the firm's business. An abstract of the court's order follows:

"We find the defendants engaged in an unlawful conspiracy because they have combined together to seduce the plaintiff's servants to interfere with and destroy the plaintiff's business and prevent other men working at wages and on terms acceptable to them; and because they have endeavored to carry out their purposes by breaking the public peace and by stirring up the mob to riot and violence."

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FARMER'S SUICIDE.

Gorrie, March 25.—James Warrell, a prosperous farmer, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. No cause known.

SHERIFF REDGRAVE DEAD.

Heart Failure Cause of Sudden Death of Well Known Pioneer.

Golden, March 25.—Sheriff Redgrave died while arresting a man for disorderly conduct. Death was caused by heart failure, doubtless due to over-exertion. Deceased was 72 years of age.

PROTEST A BLUFF.

Hon. E. J. Davis So Thinks and Does Not Intend to Resign.

Toronto, March 25.—Hon. E. J. Davis says there is no truth whatever in the rumor to the effect that he intended to resign. He looks on the North York protest as a bluff.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.

Members Will Take Possession of New Quarters Next Month.

New York, March 25.—The members of the Stock Exchange will take possession of their new building April 2. The day will be given over to formal exercises consisting chiefly of speech-making and business will be suspended until the following day. Representatives of the Exchanges and formost of town institutions have been invited to participate in the exercises.

MONTREAL'S GREAT PERIL

Water Is Now Higher Than Known For Sixteen Years.

Montreal, March 25.—Never but twice in the history of floods in the city of Montreal has the water reached the figure attained today. At midnight last night the gauge at the Harbor office indicated 42 feet 3 inches, which is 2 feet 2 inches lower than the highest mark attained in the flood of 1886, and 1 foot 1½ inches lower than the highest mark in 1887. Fortunately the facilities for handling high water have been greatly improved else the lower portions of the city would be under several feet of water. The new granite wall, which now encircles the harbor front protecting the city from one end to the other, has given ample proof of its stability, for now the water washes against it to a depth of two and one-half feet, and still there is no leakage to speak of, and the gates which are also new are holding against tons of water in a manner which is most reassuring.

The ice jam, which extends from Ile Ronde well down the river to a point opposite the House of Industry and Refuge, is one solid mass of unknown thickness, and from present indications it looks as if it would be some days before it gives way. Men connected with the harbor board, who have watched the movements of the St. Lawrence for many years past, are of opinion that the ice is likely to hold for some time yet, perhaps a week or ten days. Men and teams were crossing the river at Longue Pointe as late as Friday last, and even on Sunday the ice at that point looked solid and fine. The damage done so far is limited.

DAUPHIN CONSERVATIVES.

Winnipeg, March 25.—Dauphin Conservatives nominated Dr. Gunne for the legislature.

BOY HANGS HIMSELF.

Haverstraw, N. W., March 25.—Jos. Mader, fourteen years of age, committed suicide by hanging. He was, it is said, much given to the reading of cheap novels, and one of the sensational kind was found near the body.

$100,000,000 LOAN.

Russia in Need of Funds, Negotiating With France.

Berlin, March 25.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung cables that Russia is trying to negotiate a loan of $100,000,000 in France.

NO DRINKS IN CLOSE SEASON.

Toronto Club Refuses Outsiders Refreshments During Prohibited Hours.

Toronto, March 25.—The directors of the National Club have established rules prohibiting serving of drinks to non-members introduced by members during those hours when they would be unable to secure them at hotels.

$250,000 BLAZE.

Rochester, March 25.—Fire of an unknown origin broke out in the Hayden building at 9:30 tonight, completely gutted that structure and caused heavy damage to the adjoining property. The total loss is estimated at $250,000. The building was occupied entirely by the Mayden Furniture Manufacturing Company.

TORONTO THEATRE BURNT.

Fire Destroys $80,000 of Property—Six Persons Narrowly Escape.

Toronto, March 25.—The opera house was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. Loss about $80,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an electric wire. Caretaker Chambers, his wife and four children, had a narrow escape from death. They had to climb through the skylight and over roofs in order to save themselves.

Seven hundred settlers left here yesterday for the Northwest.

THE LOST FOUND.

Years of Search Reveals American Youth in French Insane Asylum.

Paris, March 25.—United States Consul-General Gowdy today succeeded in locating in a private sanitarium in this city Moses Fowler-Chase, grandson of a leading capitalist of Lafayette, Ind., whose whereabouts has been the subject of a diligent search for several years. Two French physicians examined the youth and pronounced him insane. The institution has handed Chase over to Mr. Gowdy's care. Secretary Hay cabled to the Consul-General an authorization to act as the guardian of the youth.

RALPH SMITH WILL NOT LEAD

Does Not Aspire to Liberal Chieftainship of Pacific Province.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 25.—Ralph Smith, M. P., was asked today by your correspondent if he had read in the British Columbia papers that he was seeking the leadership of the Liberal party of British Columbia, and that he was being urged to accept it by Sir Wilfrid and other leading Liberals in Ottawa. "Yes," he replied, "I have seen the articles, and you can say for me that both the statements are inaccurate. I am not seeking the leadership of the Liberal party or any other party. According to my view that office should seek the man, the man should not seek the office. I will never assume any position of that kind if I do not receive the unanimous approval of my friends, and I would not in the slightest degree attempt to influence their judgment in so deciding. Neither Sir Wilfrid, Senator Templeman, nor any other person even asked or advised me to accept such leadership. That report originated in British Columbia, and not in Ottawa."

ANOTHER STRIKE SETTLED.

St. Catharines, March 25—The builders strike was settled today. Men have been out since March 1. The men get an advance ranging from 2 to 4½ cents per hour, 50 hours to constitute the week's work. The agreement is to run ten years.

WRIGHT REFUSED BAIL.

The London Promoter Refused Application for Discharge.

New York, March 25.—Judge Lacombe today denied the application of Whitaker Wright for bail without prejudice to its renewal when evidential papers arrive and the precise acts complained of are more fully set forth. The application to discharge Wright from custody also was denied. Counsel for Wright will appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

IN THE FAR SOUTH.

News Received From Royal Geographical Society's Antarctic Expedition.

Christchurch, N. Z., March 25.—The steamer Morning, the Royal Geographical Society's relief ship for the Antarctic steamer Discovery, has arrived at Lyttleton, eight miles from here. She left the Discovery in Antarctic waters on the 20th, all well on board of her.

The Discovery, Capt. R. E. Scott, R. N., fitted out under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Society and the British government, left England in August, 1901, and New Zealand in December of that year. She is one of the strongest ships ever constructed, is built almost entirely of wood, and cost over $250,000. The Discovery is to spend two Antarctic summers and one winter in the far South, and is expected to reach Lyttleton, N. Z., in August of this year.

Christchurch, New Zealand, March 25.—The morning found the Discovery in MacMurtio Bay January 23, all well on board. The Discovery had been in winter quarters at Victoria Island since February, 1902, during which time valuable records were obtained by sledging, and the record farthest South was reached on sledges at latitude 80.17. This journey was made under trying conditions. The dogs all died and Lieut. Shackleton almost died of exposure. The Discovery is now well victualled for the winter.

CANADA PACIFIC ATLANTIC SERVICE

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Returns Home But Without Mail Contract.

Montreal, March 25.—The Star's London cable says: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy leaves London tomorrow, and will sail from Southampton in the North German Lloyd steamship Deutschland. That the president of the C. P. R. is compelled to resort to a German steamer, arriving at a foreign port, best illustrates the Canadian need of a fast Atlantic service. Sir Thomas is chary in discussing the results of his visit to England. Substitution of London for Glasgow as one of the ports of the C. P. R. new service is, however, directly due to his initiative. When the Canadian Pacific decided to omit the port of Glasgow from their service, the sole question was, which port produced the best business? Sir Thomas regards the new insurance arrangement with Lloyds as the highest tribute the English business world has yet paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. There is no truth in the statement that Sir Thomas expected to close the fast mail negotiations here. The matter rests with the Ottawa government. It is stated at Liverpool that two steamers of the Bavarian and Tunisian type are about to be constructed for use on their Liverpool-Canadian service. Frederick Marshall, the well known passenger manager of the Beaver line, has been appointed European passenger manager of the Canadian Pacific-Atlantic service.

MORE WITNESSES.

Another contingent of witnesses from Vancouver arrived by the steamer Charmer last night, including Messrs. Robb and Findley, newspaper reporters of the Terminal city, S. Garnham, H. Robinson and S. Nooman are also present to give evidence.

CANTATA QUEEN ESTHER.

Some Features of Last Evening's Performance—Matinee on Saturday.

The sacred cantata, "Queen Esther," was produced again last evening, there being a larger audience present than on the initial night. The picturesque Oriental scenes, the splendid costumes and the fancy drills, marches and dances again won appreciative applause. Mr. H. G. Cave, as "Mordecai," repeated his good work in his various solos, whilst the "Haman" of Mr. Kent and the "Teresh" of Mrs. H. Currie were equally pleasing. The impression is conveyed that the music of the cantata is hardly equal to the splendid opportunities provided by the dramatic episodes recorded in the Book of Esther. Some of the solo work assigned to King Ahasuerus is lamentably weak, and there is little scope for anyone essaying the role.

A word of praise is due to the drill by the Queen's Guards and the dances of the Queen's Guards and the Maids of Honor. There were many pretty movements and they were executed with precision and grace.

It was announced by Mr. J. G. Brown last evening that if arrangements can be made to secure the theatre, a matinee will be given on Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the Orphans' Home. Such a benefit performance should be greeted with a large house, for "Queen Esther" contains many attractive features, the above few defects being trifling in view of the counterbalancing merits.

Now is a good time to begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the medicine that cleanses the blood and clears the complexion.

BIBLE MEETING.

The British and Foreign Bible Society's Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the St. Andrews' Presbyterian Sunday school room last night, and was very well attended.

The usual annual report was submitted by the secretary-treasurer.

After the adoption of the report, Miss Deanvill favored the meeting with a vocal solo, which was very much appreciated. After this slight diversion, the Rev. G. N. Dean moved that the Victoria branch of the Bible Society now convened at its annual meeting, hereby expresses thankfulness to Almighty God for what the Gospel has accomplished in the elevation of character, the betterment of the world, and the salvation of men; for the success of the Upper Canada Bible Society in spreading the word of God in the Dominion; for the great work which the British and Foreign Bible Society has been led to undertake, and enabled successfully to carry on to the glory of God; for the wide door which has recently been opened for the Holy Scriptures in Africa, China, and other parts of the world. We pray that God's people may rise to the grandeur of the occasion, and the extent of their opportunities to "Send out the light and the truth." We commend the work of this great Christian organization to the liberality of the people of God here and elsewhere.

This resolution was seconded by the Rev. A. Ewing, and was unanimously carried. Mr. W. Hicks brought the meeting to a close by a vocal solo.

IRISH LAND BILL'S ORIGIN

The Outcome Of Influential Conference Held Last December.

London, March 25.—The Irish land purchase bill introduced today in the House of Commons, is the outcome of a conference held in Dublin last December between prominent landlords and tenants of all shades of opinion. The movement was inaugurated by Capt. Shaw Taylor, a prominent landlord of Ardrahan, who published a letter inviting the Duke of Abercorn, John Redmond, Lord Barrymore, Colonel Saunderson, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, T. P. O'Connor, Wm. O'Brien, T. W. Russell and others to a conference at which he proposed to submit what he called "an honest, simple and practical solution of the present troubles, and which will lead to a settlement satisfactory to both landlords and tenants."

On January 5 the report of the conference was issued. It declared that the only satisfactory settlement of the Irish land question was the substitution of an occupying, or proprietary ownership of land for the existing dual ownership. The report then made a number of recommendations for the settlement of the question emphasized the desirability of inducing landlords to continue to reside in Ireland, and said that with this object in view, an equitable price should be paid to the owners of land based upon income, and that provision ought to be made for the re-sale of the land to owners of mansion houses and demesnes.

The purchase price, the report further set forth, either should be the assurance by the State of such income, or the payment of a capital sum producing it at three per cent. or three and a quarter per cent. If guaranteed by the State, tenants re-payments should be extended for a term of years, securing a reduction of 15 to 25 per cent. on rents. To do this might involve some assistance from the State beyond the use of its credit, and the report considered that such assistance would be justified for the future welfare of Ireland, by the settlement of this vexed problem. The report offered no definite financial proposal, but it considered that an unexampled opportunity existed for dealing with the question successfully.

SCOTLAND'S PRIMA DONNA.

Concert by Miss Machachlan Tomorrow Evening at the Theatre.

The following is the programme which will be presented at the Victoria theatre tonight by Jessie N. Maclachlan Concert Co:

Violin Solo—Adoration ..... Borowski
Miss Alice Dean.
English Song—The Holy City ..... Adams
Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan.
Pianoforte Solo—Recollections of Scotland ..... Buchanan
Mr. Robt. Buchanan.
Scots Songs—(a) The Rowan Tree.....
..... Lady Nairne
(b) Blue Bonnets Over the Border ..... Scott
Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan.
Violin Solo (Scots)—Gracoe ..... Murdoch
Miss Alice Dean.
Warbling Song (Gaelic)—Mo Dhachaidh (My Home) ..... Macfarlane
Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan.
Violin Solo—Intermezzo ..... Mascagni
Miss Alice Dean.
New Canadian Song—(a) Constancy.....
..... Albert Nordmann
Irish Song—(b) Barney O'Hea ..... Lover
Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan.
Violin Solo—Mazurka de Concert ..Musin
Miss Alice Dean.
Jacobite Song—(a) Will Ye no Come Back Again ..... Lady Nairne
Patriotic Song—(b) Rule Britannia....
..... Dr. Arne
Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan.
God Save the King.

Sunlight Soap will not burn the nap off woolens nor the surface off linens.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar.

Kyriazi Freres

Egyptian Cigarettes

Largest Sale of Any Egyptain Cigarettes.

Retail by

NORTH & RICHARDSON,

Government St., Victoria.

Wholesale by

C. F. JACKSON & CO., LTD.

151 Hastings St., Vancouver.

Yokohama & Co.,

K. Tanimura, Mgr.

Japanese Merchant Tailors.

100 Government St., Victoria, B. C.

Ladies and Gent's Suits Made to Order. Best quality and latest patterns in English and Scotch Tweeds, Serges and Worsteds.

Satisfaction guaranteed in all work.

Hood's Pills

Do not gripe nor irritate the alimentary canal. They act gently yet promptly, cleanse effectually and

Give Comfort

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

MONUMENTS

BE SURE TO

Get Stewart's Prices

on Monuments, Cemetery Coping, Imported Scotch Granite Monuments, etc., before purchasing elsewhere. Nothing but first-class stock and workmanship.

Corner Yates and Blanchard Streets

ESCALET CAFE

Escalet has opened the Bank Exchange Cafe, where you can find meals at all hours, day and night. The best meals in town and at moderate prices. The house will be entirely short order, and caters for family parties. Private rooms for ladies and families.

Rock Bay Hotel

Rooms $4 a month and upwards.
Board $4 per week.
Room and board, $4.50 per week.
Single meals 25 cents. By meal ticket 20 cents.
Beds 25 cents a night.
BAR IN CONNECTION.

TELEPHONE B773

SEE THE

DOG SHOW

At Philharmonic Hall, Fort Street.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

APRIL, 1, 2, 3, 4.

The greatest show ever held in Victoria. Over 400 entries.

See "Royal," the $10,000 Great Dane.

See Roy Montez, Canadian and American champion.

See Stylish Sargeant, the great bench winning English setter from England.

See Lady Howard, the veteran winner for the past 10 years.

See "Black Victor," the phenomenal winning Cocker of last year.

See the cute little Japanese spaniel. The unusual Dachund, the only one in B. C. The long-haired "Dandie Dinmonts."

Tombola prizes every night. Wednesday night real lace handkerchief, donated by Campbell's Outfitting Co. Thursday night, Cocker Spaniel puppy, donated by J. W. Creighton. Friday night, fur, value $10, donated by D. Spencer. Saturday night, English setter puppy, donated by T. P. McConnell.

Admission 25c.; children 10c. Tombola tickets free at the door.

LAWN GRASS SEED

JOHNSTON'S SEED STORE.

City Market.

THE ORPHEUM

YATES STREET.

Refined entertainment catering strictly to ladies and children.

FEATURING THIS WEEK

The Thompsons

King and Queen of Chinese Impersonators, in their laughable skit,

An Opium Raid

New Moving Pictures, etc.

Admission 10 cents. Afternoon 2 and 5. Evenings, 7 to 10:30. Alex. Pantages, sole proprietor and manager.

TEMPERANCE REFORM

The members of the I. O. G. T. Royal Templar W. C. T. U., announce a public meeting in the

Temperance Hall,

FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8 P. M.

When Mr. T. W. Glover of New Zealand, will give his popular lecture on "50 Years ago and Now." The Rt. Rev. the Bishop and most of the city clergy, have promised to attend and address. Music. Admission free. A collection at the close.

A rally on Sunday will be advertised Saturday.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Friday, March 27

Grand Concert

—BY—

The Scottish Prima Donna, Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan, assisted by Miss Alice Dean, the brilliant solo violinist, and Mr. Robert Buchanan, the eminent piano soloist.

Reserved seat sale opens Wednesday at Victoria Book & Stationery store. Prices $1.00, 75c., 50c., and 25c.

"Worth 3 guineas a night." That's what Mr. Forshaw of Vancouver, says of Dr. Wesley Mills.

LECTURE

To be given under the auspices of the Y. C. K. C., in

INSTITUTE HALL

VIEW ST.

Monday Ev'ng, the 30th inst,

at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Mills of McGill University, Montreal will lecture on dogs, and will illustrate his lecture with over 1,000 lantern views. If you miss this you miss the greatest lecture of your life.

Half the net proceeds will be given to charity.

Chair taken promptly at 8 o'clock by Dr. Milne.

Admission 50 cents. Children 25 cents.

Tickets may be had from members of the Y. C. K. C. or at the door.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of George Edgar Gilroy Brown, deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that administration of the estate of George Edgar Gilroy Brown, deceased, who died at the City of Victoria, B. C., on the 14th day of February, 1903, was granted on the 12th day of March, 1903, to Joseph Henry Brown.

AND TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the "Trustee and Executor's Act" all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the administrator, at 166 Government St., Victoria, aforesaid, on or before the 18th day of April, 1903, full particulars of their claims duly verified and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after the last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 18th day of March, 1903.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN
20 Bastion Street,
Solicitors for the Administrator.

THE WESTSIDE

VICTORIA'S POPULAR STORE..... MARCH 26, 1903.

SENSATIONAL PRICES AND VALUES FOR FRIDAY

We're turning things topsy-turvy in our House Furnishing Department on Friday and offering shoppers values and prices that are little less than sensational. For instance, think of buying.

A 50c. SCOTCH LINOLEUM FOR ..... 25c.
18c. SILKOLINE for ..... 7½c.
$7.50 to $10.75 TAPESTRY COUCH COVERS FOR $5.90
40c. WINDOW SHADES FOR ..... 25c.
$1.10 ART PLUSH DOOR MATS FOR ..... 50c.

So we might continue picking out bargain gems, but a glance at our windows or a visit to the store will present many others. Come and share them.

ART DRAPERIES.

PRETTY ART SILKOLINE for draperies, in rich floral effects; splendid colorings. Regular values 18c. a yard. SPECIAL FRIDAY 7½c

COUCH COVERS

HEAVY TAPESTRY COUCH COVERS, 3 yards long, suitable for table covers or dens, cosy Corners and couches. Regular values $7.50 to $10.75 each. SPECIAL FRIDAY. $5.90

TAPESTRY CARPET SQUARES.

	Value. Regular.	Price. Friday's
Size 3x3 yds	$6.25	$4.25
Size 3x3½ yds	$7.25	$5.25
Size 3x4 yds	$8.25	$5.00

LINOLEUMS.

REMNANTS OF SCOTCH LINOLEUMS, in new designs. Regular value 50c. a square yard. SPECIAL FRIDAY 25c

WINDOW SHADES.

ART WINDOW SHADES, in cream, buff and light green, with spring roller and fittings complete. Regular value 40c. each. SPECIAL FRIDAY 25c

DOOR MATS.

EXTRA HEAVY PLUSH DOOR MATS, in Art Colors. Regular value $1.10 each. SPECIAL FRIDAY 50c

The Hutcheson Co., Ld., Victoria, B. C.

The Good Effect of VIN MARIANI Is not Temporary, But Lasting.

Be sure the heels are stamped.

Beware of imitations.

GOLD SEAL, CRACK-PROOF MINING BOOTS

Be sure that the heels and knees are stamped as per cut and that each boot has our "Gold Seal" stamp on the leg.

Manufactured only by

Goodyear Rubber Co., Portland, Or.

R. H. PEASE, President. 72 and 75 First St.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA FUR MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Manufacturers of all kinds of FURS AND FUR GARMENTS in the most up-to-date styles. GARMENTS STORED AND CARED FOR in moth-proof cabinets. Fur garments renovated and remodelled at very reasonable rates. All kinds TAXIDERMY executed in best style.

The B. C. Fur Manufacturing Company.

Government street, near Post Office. Victoria, B. C.

A CHANCE FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

It should be easy for people who drink delicious Blue Ribbon Tea to say something that will induce their friends to try it.

$545.00 IN CASH PRIZES

Twenty-five cash Prizes will be awarded in order of merit to those sending in the best advertisements for Blue Ribbon Tea.

First Prize	$200.00
Second Prize	100.00
Third Prize	40.00
4th to 13th Prizes, $10 each,	100.00
14th to 25th, $5.00 each,	60.00
	$500.00

In addition, beginning with the week ending April 4, a special weekly prize of $5.00 will be given to the one sending in the best advertisement during that week, making for the nine weeks $45.00 in special prizes, or a grand total of thirty-four cash prizes, $545.

CONDITIONS:

1st. No professional ad. writer, nor anyone connected directly or indirectly with the Blue Ribbon Tea Co. may compete.

2nd. Advertisements must not contain more than 50 words, and shorter ones are preferable.

Competitors should be careful to write name and address plainly on each ad.

3rd. Cut the labels off the ends of the packet and enclose them with each batch of advertisements.

4th. The competition closes June 1, 1903, and all competing advertisements must reach one of the following addresses on or before that date.

Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Winnipeg, Man.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Toronto, Ont.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Vancouver, B. C.

5th. No one person shall be awarded more than one of the main prizes, but may also take one or more weekly prizes.

6th. In case of a tie, decision will be based on all the advertisements submitted by the competitors in question.

Mr. H. M. E. Evans, of the Winnipeg Telegram, has kindly consented to judge the advertisements and award the prizes.

All advertisements that fail to win a prize, but which are good enough to be accepted for publication will be paid for at the rate of $1.00 each.

Unless expressly requested to the contrary, we will consider ourselves at liberty to publish the names of prize winners.

A good advertisement should be truthful and contain an idea brightly and forcibly expressed. A bona fide signed letter with address and date from one who has tested the tea, is a good form. An advertisement for an article of food, should not associate with it, even by contrast, any unpleasant idea. The best advertisement is the one that will induce the most people to try the article advertised.

Seek your inspiration in a cup of Blue Ribbon Tea and the money is yours.

Here's a Bargain.....

We are now showing a beautiful line of Algerian Tapestry Covers and Sideboard Scarfs, which are selling at prices considerably under what these goods usually sell for. Call and see them at

WESCOTT BROS., - - DRY GOODS.

88 Yates St.

TO THE GROCERS OF MANITOBA, THE NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA:

We may say that we are bound to get the

BEE SODA BEE STARCH and BEE BORAX

Fully established as a household requirement, and in order to push it along we are giving the buyers of the Bee Brand Goods premiums as follows: Every 10 Coupons, one 5c. Package of the Goods; Every 20 Coupons, one 10c. package; and for Every 50 Coupons, one set of our Bee Starch Irons. We would ask your valued assistance in the matter of redeeming the Coupons, and we will redeem same either in cash or goods with you. As this is a matter that interests both, we hope for your assistance. Coupons are redeemable by

TOMS & DAVIDSON, Winnipeg. ALEX. MARSHALL, Vancouver. BEE STARCH CO., Montreal.

PATENT FENDER FOR STREET CARS

Victoria Man Invents Life Saving Apparatus of Merit.

For many years inventors and others with a bent for practical mechanics have been at work on the problem of devising more effective street car fenders than those in general use. In large cities where there is congested traffic, and cars operated on many parallel tracks by different car companies, on the same street, a pedestrian faces an ever-present danger of being run down by a car coming from some unexpected quarter. In these large cities the question of furnishing street cars with devices to prevent injury and death in the event of accident has occupied more attention than in smaller cities, where such dangers are not so directly imminent. It is a matter of pardonable local pride that the man to grapple and effectively solve such an important problem, involving as it does the saving of countless lives, should be a resident of this city. For many years Mr. W. T. Watson has been employed as a motorman, being daily engaged in the operating of a car on Victoria's streets. Having a marked talent for the science of mechanics, he has devoted his spare moments to mastering the technical principles of various kinds of machinery. His efforts were first directed to the invention of a street car fender by the perusal of an article in the Western Electrician, a Chicago publication, calling attention to the deplorable fact that American genius had not been able to devise a more effective fender or guard than those in use. Mr. Watson had already been pondering over the matter, but after reading the article, he felt convinced that the imperative necessity for an improvement in fenders would lead to new attempts to solve the problem, and also that there must be a practical way of coping with the difficulty. He then applied himself diligently to working out a device that would be characterized by simplicity of construction and action, durability, and also be a radical departure from anything in use. The application of a telescopic frame appealed to him as the only feasible method of lessening the blows of the fender in picking up a person. Other features commending themselves to his attention were the providing of a flexible front to the sliding section, composed of rubber tubing and metallic strips in the cradle and cushion of the fender. It was necessary to have material that would be resilient enough to give without bruising, and also sufficiently metallic in general construction to ensure durability. Other points considered essential by Mr. Watson were the construction of the fender in such a way that it could be readily folded and detached, and also the facility of adjusting the mechanism to any type of cars without interfering with any standard equipment used in their construction. Following up these ideas, he finally constructed a fender which, upon being subjected to severe tests, demonstrated its superiority to anything yet conceived and put on the market. The fender was tested by the local tramway company on a stretch of the Oak Bay line, a dummy filled with 165 pounds of iron being successfully picked up by a 22-ton car rushing at a speed of from 15 to 20 miles an hour, the car being operated by the regular motorman.

The invention had been duly patented, but in placing the fender on the market he had several competitive devices to cope with, these devices being backed by large capitalistic interests. Mr. Watson's opportunity came in Toronto, where the city and suburban electric roads were obliged to fit their cars with the best life-saving fender procurable. Several of Mr. Watson's competitors established fair averages in picking up objects, but in some instances they failed, and these failures combined with struction, cost of maintenance and adjustability, contributed to his fender being awarded the palm of victory. In not one instance had it failed under most trying circumstances. The result was that the provincial engineer of Ontario recommended that it be used on all street car systems in that province, and the officials of the Toronto street car system at once made arrangements with Mr. Watson for the manufacture of sufficient fenders for all of their cars. This was done, and for the past two years the Watson fender has been in use, the Toronto papers frequently referring to cases where the fender has been the means of saving people from injury and death.

Whilst engaged in the East in installing the Toronto cars with his fender, it occurred to him that he might still further improve his invention by making it act automatically. In this also Mr. Watson's efforts have been entirely successful. By the automatic device, the fender drops on striking an object, or should the fender be folded up for any reason, it has still an automatic release brought into operation by the weight of a person falling on the fender. The fender can also be dropped by the motorman, but is always held in close contact with the track by an automatic lock, which also acts when the fender is dropped by a small foot trigger. The fender when down is always locked on the track, which is a great advantage in preventing it from rising from any object on the track, thus rendering it superior to all other fenders.

Another life-saving device invented by Mr. Watson is a wheel guard, which was also designed whilst in the East superintending the Toronto cars with his fenders. He claims that his wheel guard is constructed on a principle which is a radical departure from anything ever contrived; this in spite of the old saying that there is nothing new under the sun. This wheel guard is simple in construction and is entirely automatic, having no connection with the woodwork of the car body.

Even with the very best of inventions, there is difficulty in introducing a patent in such a way that the inventor can profit adequately from his work. Mr. Watson has had many propositions from various interests anxious to exploit his invention. He has, however, taken time to consider the most effective manner of placing his fender and wheel guard devices on the markets of this continent and Europe. He succeeded in interesting a few Victorians, who have supplied all the capital necessary for immediate measures to introduce the devices in the United States. A company has been incorporated in this city, the memorandum of association having been filed last Monday. This will be the parent company, which will negotiate at the arrangements for the introduction of the device in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and the various countries of Europe. It is the immediate intention of the company to arrange for the manufacturing of the fenders in the United States. Mr. Watson has been appointed manager, and will leave in the course of a few days for New York, which city will be his headquarters. The company in all has the right to twenty-three of Mr. Watson's patents. To be promoted from the position of motorman to that of manager of the company, which expects to do business in the many countries where electric cars are the regular mode of passenger transportation, is a rise in life which few people would object to, and the inventor is deserving of congratulation on the probable success of an invention which, if generally adopted, will reduce the danger resulting from street car collisions to a minimum. The inventor of such a life-saving device is indeed a benefactor.

Odd Indian Carving.

One of the three thousand archaeological specimens presented to the York County society by Robert C. Blair, of York, Pa., is a rare and curious specimen of Indian wood carving which was found on one of the Isles of Promise, in the Susquehanna river, opposite Little Washington.

This specimen is a figure of an Indian head carved from the root of a sycamore tree, and is about one-half life-size. The carving is cleverly executed; the nose, eyes, ears, lips and chin, and even the headdress of feathers that surmounts the features, are all well defined.

When it is considered that crude tools of stone must have been used in producing the figure it is to be wondered how the carver succeeded in so cleverly reproducing in wood the facial characteristics of the Indian. The effect of time have reduced the carving to the weight and consistency of pulp.

The island upon which the head was found is rich in archaeological treasures, but this is the rarest and most valuable ever found there.

Stilphree Well, now that you're married, I suppose your wife expects you to live up to your ideals?

Tidman (sadly) No, her ideals. Brooklyn Life.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

A city employee tells the story of an officeholder who was one of a party who attended the funeral of a Chinaman on a recent Sunday. He took a great deal of interest in the queer service at the grave and noticed that, among other things, a roasted duck was left there by the departing mourners.

Calling one of the "Chinks" aside, he asked:

"Why do you leave that duck on the grave? Do you think the dead man will come out and eat it?"

"Yepsee," replied the Boxer sympathizer, "allle same as le whitee dead man come outtee and smellee flowers!"—Spare Moments.

Mr. Ball, of Chatham, Ont., Was Told That He Would Never Walk Again.

Paine's Celery Compound

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TROUT FISHING.

Action of Tourist Association Regarding Obstructions.

At a meeting of the Tourist Association, held on Tuesday, it was decided to send the following letter to the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries:

To the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, M.P., Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, Ont.

Sir,—On looking over the report of your department for the year 1902, we observe with great satisfaction that our contentions and representations relative to the injury done to our small rivers by allowing obstructions to the free ascent and descent of migratory fish, is fully sustained. Professor Prince, on page LXL, says:

"After an experience more thorough and extensive than it has been the privilege of any other home fishery expert to have, I have come to the conclusion that the decline of the fisheries in inland water is more directly due to obstructions, natural and artificial, than to any other harmful cause."

On page LXLLL, professor Prince again states:

"All kinds of fish frequenting fresh water areas are affected detrimentally by artificial obstructions."

The same opinion is expressed and appears in the report of H. M. Inspector of Fisheries in England.

This appears to be the universal opinion of experts the world over, and therefore we sincerely trust that you will not allow further injury to be done to our small rivers by permitting the use of illegal nets, spears, weirs, etc., that have almost depleted every river on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, and we feel certain you will see the justice of this request for proper protection, in view of the large fishery revenue obtaining from this province, it being greater than all the rest of Canada put together.

We note, also, that the report gives our coast line as 1,580 miles in excess of all the Maritime Provinces put together, and yet the amount expended for the protection of this immense area is so small and so out of proportion to the sum expended in the Eastern provinces, that we are practically without any protection whatever. Laws in themselves are worthless without expert officers to see them properly carried out. We hope we have said enough to prove the justice and moderation of our request for fair and just protection, and that we shall feel our efforts to preserve what remains of our valuable inland fisheries, cordially supported by your department. We have also the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a report of a special committee appointed by this association to enquire into the matter of illegal trout fishing.

The Tourist Association of Victoria.
CHAS. HAYWARD, President.
A. B. FRASER, Sr., Secy-Treasurer.

Victoria, B. C., March 23, 1903.

The Executive of the Tourist Association, Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen, With regard to the question of illegal fishing for trout, which was brought up at last week's meeting, I beg to report:

I called on the Deputy Attorney-General and secured his opinion which I hand you herewith.

I also saw Mr. Emanuel Moss, who informed me that on or about February 14th last, while he, with others, was fishing in Shawnigan lake, they found a 50-ft 1-inch mesh net set out in the lake. He presumes the net was set by Japanese, but has no positive evidence of the fact. Mr. Moss confiscated the net and has it now in his possession.

From conversations with other persons I am led to believe that Mr. Sword Dominion Inspector of Fisheries, is of opinion that there are no speckled trout or brook trout in this province, and that therefore the Fisheries Act does not apply, nor restrict the taking of the local trout, or "char," at any time. I am informed that Mr. Sword has instructed his deputies not to interfere with parties catching trout in or out of season, but I have been unable to verify this report.

While Mr. Sword may be right in his contention that brook and speckled trout do not exist in our streams, it seems to me that, in taking advantage of the wording of the Act, and permitting fishing at all seasons, he is causing immense damage to the province in winking at the destruction of the valuable game fishes which are locally known as "trout," and I would suggest that strong pressure be brought to bear on the Dominion government to have the Fisheries Act and subsequent orders in council so amended as to include, and afford protection to, every member of the trout family in British Columbia waters.

It is needless that after the present session of Parliament the province may assume the management of its fisheries, at least those of the inland waters over which it unquestionably has jurisdiction, and in that event the whole matter could be arranged locally.

FRANK I. CLARKE.

Opinion of Deputy Attorney-General of British Columbia.

The Dominion enactments respecting the close time for trout in this province are not as clear as they should be. Section 1 of the Fisheries Act contains the following provisions on this subject:

"No person shall fish for, catch, kill, buy sell or have in his possession any kind of trout in any way whatever, between the first day of October and the first day of January.

"No one shall at any time fish for, catch or kill trout by other means than angling by hand with hook and line, in any inland lake, river or stream, except British waters.

"Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of small sized trout for the purpose of baiting traps, or affect the taking and use the same by fishermen as bait for cod fishing in tidal waters, or subject fishermen to penalty if by accident in fishing for herrings or whitefish by means of nets, trout are enclosed or taken."

If these stood alone there would be no difficulty, but the Governor-general in Council has power to pass regulations which have the same force and effect as if set out in the Fisheries Act, notwithstanding that such regulations vary or alter the provisions of the Act. Acting under that power, the Governor-General in Council has passed the following regulations respecting salmon trout, brook trout and speckled trout:

"No one shall fish for, catch, buy, sell or possess in the province of British Columbia any salmon trout from the first day of October to the thirteenth day of November, both days inclusive.

"No person shall fish for, catch, kill, buy sell or possess any brook trout of any kind or speckled trout, between the fifteenth day of October and the fifteenth day of March, both days inclusive. But Indians may at any time catch such trout for the purpose of providing food for themselves and their families, but for no other purpose.

"No one shall at any time fish for, catch or kill brook trout of any kind or speckled trout by means other than angling with hook and line, and this restriction shall apply to Indians."

I am inclined to think that the general provisions of Section 9 of the Fisheries Act respecting trout are repealed by the above mentioned regulations as far as salmon trout are concerned, but that they remain in force so far as all other kinds of trout are concerned.

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All persons having claims against the said estate must forward same, duly verified, to Messrs. Fell & Gregory, Victoria, Solicitors for the undersigned, on or before the 19th day of June, 1903, stating what securities are held for the same. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount due by them forthwith.

After the said 19th day of June, 1903, the Trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she has had notice.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Frederick H. A. Nelson will be held at the office of Messrs. Fell & Gregory, Board of Trade Building, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1903, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

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THE PASSING OF ANGLING.

We drew attention yesterday to the loss British Columbia is suffering through the wanton destruction of game. British Columbia is suffering an equally severe loss through the destruction of fish. We venture to say that wherever a local market has been opened for fish, fishing as a sport has disappeared, or is disappearing, in neighboring waters. The reason is that illegal and destructive methods of catching the fish are resorted to under the inducements of an active market, and because insensate blockheads are allowed to introduce predatory species of fish into waters which will not support them, and trout as well. Shawnigan Lake is not what it was, Cowichan river is not what it was, Somenos lake, we are told, has had the deadly catfish introduced into it in large quantities, and Kootenay river, between Nelson and Robson is nothing like what it was ten years ago. Of course we know that there are wonderful fishing grounds in British Columbia, that those we have mentioned do not constitute a one-thousandth part of the trout-bearing waters of this province. But our point is this, that there is no use in having good fishing rivers and lakes, if the fish in them are to be exterminated as soon as they become accessible, and communities of human beings settle in their neighborhood. Professor Prince possibly the greatest fish expert living, says in his report to the Dominion government:

After an experience more thorough and extensive than it has probably been the privilege of any other living fishing expert to have, I have come to the conclusion that the decline in the fisheries in inland waters is more directly due to obstructions, natural and artificial, than to any other harmful cause. Over-fishing, poaching on the breeding grounds, injurious freshets, and similar natural causes, saw-dust, and other pollutions have all worked injury more or less serious, but none of these compare with the deadly effects of closing the upper waters to the ascent to the schools of spawning fish, and of blocking, by dams, etc., the movements, up and down, of the various migratory species in the young and the adult condition.

He says further:

I have already stated my opinion that no other cause compares, in its harmfulness to the fisheries, with the erection of high walls or dams across rivers up which fish have been accustomed to migrate. Whether these dams be merely to create ponds for the collection of logs in the forest, or to raise the water over extensive areas for floating timber into main streams and channels, or for saw mill and other water power purposes, no cause has been more effectively injurious, or has so directly caused deterioration in our supply of fresh-water fishes. To present the spawning fish from reaching their accustomed breeding grounds is to, at once, exterminate them by an effective and rapid means.

H. M. Inspector of Fisheries in England, in his report of 1886, remarks: "The two chief obstacles to improvement are obstructions, and excessive capture of fish, and where fishing weirs exist these two are often combined." His statement is fully endorsed by Professor Prince. Thus is one cause of the depletion of our waters of fish made tolerably plain. "If," says Professor Prince, "the spawning grounds be kept free from pollution and the deposition and fertilization of the eggs be accomplished; and if moreover free and unobstructed access to these grounds be provided for the fish, and, above all, if over-fishing, excessive netting and destruction of the ascending fish be prevented, there need be little fear that our supplies of salmon and valuable migratory species will wholly fail." These are precisely the things which are not being done in the most valuable sporting waters of this province, that is the waters which are most accessible. They are being freely poached at all seasons of the year to supply a market eager for fresh fish. There is no reason why the market should not be supplied with fresh fish in season and in reason, but if that is to lead to the rapid extermination of trout in accessible waters, some steps should be taken to prevent it, and to preserve an asset of the province, not merely valuable as a food supply, but as an attraction to tourists, and a fine and healthy sport for our own people. Professor Prince is particularly severe upon the introduction of coarse predacious fish into virgin waters. He says:

Of pike, suckers, perch, catfish and similar coarse predaceous fish little need be said. There may be occasionally muddy ponds or isolated lakes where these fish could be safely planted without risk of their overrunning the whole of the waters of the adjacent district; but it may be laid down as a general rule that these fish do not need the aid of artificial fish-culture; and they should be kept as far as possible within their present range. To introduce them into virgin waters where they will soon inevitably hold supreme sway, outnumbering and overcoming in an incredibly short space of time the indigenous kinds of fish, is criminal.

It is sincerely to be hoped that an authoriative opinion like that will be sufficient to prevent the extension of any such criminality to any more of the waters of British Columbia than are at present infested with these undesirable immigrants. Black bass, though a finer sporting fish than those, are called "pugnacious marauders," and the disappearance of trout before them is said to be inevitable. Surely something can be done to prevent the extermination of game, and game fish which is going on without let or hindrance in this province.

It is not very easy from the meagre reports available to get a clear understanding of the Land Purchase Bill for Ireland, introduced yesterday in the British House of Commons. It seems to mean a cash bonus of twelve million pounds sterling, and a stock guarantee of one hundred million. It is a rather ominous coincidence that on the same day this bill was introduced, Consols should have dropped to the lowest point known in years.

Senator Morgan is by long odds the most unpopular old bore in the United States mind.

The great yacht race this year will be of greater interest because the two boats are of essentially different types.

Serious alarm is felt in Holland and Belgium that Germany is aiming at the absorption of these two countries.

A New York policeman the other day was retired because he had contracted "obesity in the line of duty."

Mr. Whitaker Wright turns out on his own statement to be an Englishman by birth and an American citizen.

A satirist in England says the Shakespeare Bacon controversy has unsettled Hall Caine's mind through doubt as to which of the two he most resembles.

All over the American continent a movement is on foot to restrict the hours and regulate the conditions of the labor of children in factories. It is a movement which has not come a day too soon.

We are obliged to call a halt. We cannot publish the number of "Letters to the Editor" we are receiving just now. If our correspondents would compress what they have to say to a few sentences, there is a better chance of room being found for them.

A doubtful feature about the stability of present copper prices is that Amalgamated Copper has not gone up as it should had the price advanced in response to a bona fide increase in the demand. Heinze stock received no benefit from the rise in the price of copper at all.

Since General Boulanger committed suicide, no more tragic event has happened in military annals than the suicide of Sir Hector Macdonald. A brilliant soldier, a strong man facing the fear of disgrace, has been led to take his own life. Charity will never desire to know what disgrace it was he feared.

Rudyard Kipling's poem, "The Settler," has raised his fame to a height it never before achieved, not even with the publication of "The Recessional." From a war government Kipling received no honor, but he has expressed the deepest aspirations of a people who love peace, yet have done the most fighting of all nations ancient or modern, who despise military glory, yet have earned more of it than any people under the sun, yet who, in their worst moments, have never looked upon war as a natural condition, or made of military glory an end in itself.

In his excellent review of current events in the Nineteenth Century for March, Mr. Wemyss Reid emphasises the disruption of British politics which we pointed out a short time ago. He points out that in the first week of the parliamentary session the government's majority had fallen to one half its normal proportions, and was evidently not expressive of the sympathies of parliament. We notice too how all political discussion in Great Britain is beginning to resolve itself into either commendation or criticism of the utterances of Lord Rosebery. It is a portent not without meaning. The London Daily Mail puts the situation directly and incisively. It says:

The speech which Lord Spencer delivered on Saturday at Birmingham . . . is one of the most important signs of the times; a sign all the more important in that it points clearly to the reunion of all that is progressive in the Liberal party under Lord Rosebery's leadership. . . . A National Liberal party, loyal to the Empire and purged from all associations of sympathy with the enemies of Britain would remove the one and only reason for the continued existence of the present government—which is that it is impossible for the nation to trust with power a party directed by Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman.

The method of collecting, or rather not collecting, the dog tax in Victoria is a preposterous absurdity. So far as we can gather, a crusade is started against dogs with a view of searing owners to the City Hall to pay the tax. Why is a man not sent round the city to collect the tax in the same way as the poll tax is collected? What is the tax but a poll tax on dogs. After the round had been made, the pound keeper could be turned loose to capture untagged dogs. If people refused to pay when asked, or in reasonable time, they could be summoned in the ordinary way. Surely if gas companies and electric light companies can afford to go round collecting small sums monthly, and find it is the only way to keep their receipts in order, the city can afford to do the same thing. Complaints are pouring in upon us every day over this matter, and it is quite time a system more rational than the present one was adopted. Why we should cling to a medieval custom in connection with the dog tax is beyond our comprehension. A change would result in more revenue, rid the city of a lot of worthless dogs, and free people who value their pets from the dread of having them impounded or poisoned. Because dog poisoning always springs up when a city is infested with a lot of untaxed semi-ownerless mongrels, and it is unfortunately, but seldom that the untaxed semi-ownerless mongrels make a meal off the poison. The victims are generally dogs too gentlemanly to question the wholesomeness of anything set before them to be eaten.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SLAUGHTER OF GAME.

Sir,—I should like to call the attention of the public through the columns of your paper to the condition of affairs in this valley in regard to the wholesale slaughter of our game animals and our inability to prevent it. Some years ago this valley, which is a natural park, was the breeding ground of great numbers of moose and elk, as may be seen by the immense number of horns and skeletons bleaching on the ground. The oldest Indians say they were like flies in summer and were killed like the buffalo on the plains. And the only remnant left of this once great inheritance is a small band numbering less than half that number, which have taken refuge in a large swamp on the Kootenay river, about 15 miles northeast of Windermere lake. But those are just going the way of the others, and unless immediate steps are taken to protect them, by the end of two years not one of those noble animals will be left alive. Two years ago by bringing the matter before the public, we secured the appointment of a game warden, Mr. John Laynton, a thoroughly competent person, who, while performing his duties, came to an Indian camp on the Kootenay, in which he found the carcases of ten freshly killed moose, mostly cows and calves. As Mr. Laynton understood the Indians had certain privileges granted by the Dominion, he reported the mater to the government and asked for further instructions. His answer was that his services were no longer required, and becoming aware of our inability to enforce the game laws of the province against them, the Indians have redoubled their efforts, and the slaughter that has been going on up to the present, is simply sickening. One Indian from here (Isaac) went over on the Kootenay last fall, and in six weeks killed six moose, 18 deer and 13 beaver. He reported having met a band of seven Stoneys from the Northwest, who were unable to pack out all the game they had killed. Nearly all the hunting here is done with the aid of dogs, and whole bands of mountain sheep are driven out on rocky ledges, where they flee for safety, and are shot down. One Indian boasts of killing 23 in this manner at one time. At this time of the year the deer and sheep are forced down in the bottoms by the heavy snow in the mountains, and being weak, and the does heavy with young, are easily run down with dogs, or killed from horseback. Hundreds have been killed here during the last two weeks. The Indians here have the best farming lands in the valley and large herds of horses and cattle. Some of the Indians sell from $500 to $1500 worth of farm produce each year.

If any of the laws of the Dominion prevent the province from protecting its game, immediate effort should be exerted to have these amended. In order to protect the moose and elk still remaining on the Kootenay, I would recommend that the eastern portion of the Windermere mining division, east of the Columbia river and lakes, be placed under reserve for a number of years. A glance at the map of the Kootenay will show you that there are several passes along the C. P. R. where the Stoney Indians and white hunters may come in on the Upper Kootenay and kill game and get out again without any one in this valley being the wiser. So it will be useless to legislate for the protection of these animals unless a warden is appointed to see that it is properly enforced. With the request that the press of the province and all organized bodies interested in the protection of our game, will lend us their assistance in providing a remedy against the present state of affairs.

R. S. GALLOP.

Canterbury, Northeast Kootenay, B. C., March 19, 1903.

[This letter was unfortunately crowded out of our yesterday's issue.—Ed.]

THE Y. M. C. A.

Sir,—I would like to call the attention of all your readers to the reopening of the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association. At a meeting of the finance committee, collectors were appointed to solicit subscriptions for furnishing the rooms, and as it will be impossible for them to see all those who are interested, during the next two weeks, I would like to ask those who are willing and able to help financially to send in their subscriptions to the treasurer, Mr. Snowcroft, City Hall, or to any member of the board of directors.

The following committees are now at work and all who feel they can assist, or any one of them, are asked to communicate with the chairman of the same:

Religious work, Mr. W. A. Gleason; reception, Mr. Staneland; rooms, Mr. Whittington; finance, Mr. Snowcroft; library and reading room; Dr. Bolton; educational, Mr. Kingham; membership, Mr McMicking; employment and boarding house, Mr. Siddall; press, Mr. W. B. Fisher; care of sick, Mr. H. Knott; athletic, Mr. Martindale; boys work, Mr. Croote.

The sum of $1,000 or $1,200 is needed to put all the rooms in first rate shape, and the directors think they are quite justified in appealing to the citizens of Victoria to supply the amount required.

Already we have about 140 sustaining members contributing $1 per month, and it is hoped to raise this number to 200. The ordinary membership list is increasing daily, and the board expect to see 200 or 250 young men on the roll for the commencement of next winter's work. Although we are opening up in the spring, we expect to gather a large number of young men together as active and associate members during the next few weeks, and to be able to arrange for lacrosse, baseball and possibly cricket teams. It has also been suggested rowing, camera and other clubs should be formed in connection with the association.

The board of directors are all business men, and yet at our weekly meetings we have had an attendance of 11 and upwards during the past six weeks and last week, 14 out of a possible 15 showing great interest is being taken in the movement.

A meeting of ladies interested in the formation of a ladies auxiliary has been called for Friday at 3 o'clock in the assembly hall, and a large attendance is hoped for.

Being very much interested in the success of this movement is my reason for taking up so much of your valuable space.

ROBERT W. CLARK,
President.

THE POUNDKEEPER REPLIES.

Sir,—I wish to uphold my rights in your valuable paper. A dog fancier has complained of the way in which I perform my duties. I am not compelled to take the daily paper to answer advertisements for lost dogs. If fanciers would be so kind as to put the tag on their dogs for the current year they would have no trouble with the poundkeeper. When this dog fancier found his dog in pound he called it by name, saying: "I have not got the money to take you out, Lady, but I will call again." Next day Lady's owner came in pound hours, saying: "What right had you to arrest Lady?" I said, "I arrest all dogs not wearing the tag for the current year, even if they come from the country." Lady's master got that mad he would not say where to leave Lady's tag to keep her out of the cart again. I told him I was not to blame for the phone not being in the house, not having been in the house over two weeks.

F. CURRAN,
City Pound Keeper.

THE B. C. MINING ASSOCIATION AND ITS CRITIC.

Sir,—Mr. A. C. Galt, in his letter published by you this morning, has "planed" Capt. Wolley "to the wall," and I cannot see how the last-named gentleman can escape from the charge of inconsistency, which Mr. Galt so ably lodges against him and drives home. Mr. Wolley, it will be remembered, denounced Mr. Galt's resolution, which asked that the government and legislature should not introduce or pass any legislation affecting the mining industry, or any branch thereof, unless the association has been given a reasonable period, not less than three weeks, to consider and advise upon such intended legislation, as a "food resolution." Mr. Galt quotes from Capt. Wolley's speeches at the late convention to prove that that gentleman himself suggested the advisability and propriety of the government consulting the association as an advisory board upon all matters that pertain to mining legislation.

I have already said that Capt. Wolley's article in the Mining Record was a grave mistake, for the reason that it was written after the critic had accepted a position on the executive committee and had acted as a member thereof. The feelings which his article show were rankling in his breast—feelings of chagrin and disappointment because matters had not gone to please him at the convention, I fear led him to print the letter that intended to "down" the convention in the public eye, and belittle its members, whom he lauded to the skies in his speeches.

Mr. Wolley has written many fine things that will be admired, read and quoted long after he shall have passed from this sphere, but the article in the Record is not one of them. A philosopher once said that when he was entrusted with a secret he told it to his nightcap and then burned the nightcap. It would have been better, I submit, if Capt. Wolley, after writing his letter, had wrapped it in his nightcap and burned both.

In your allusion to Mr. Galt's letter you avoid the main point, Capt. Wolley's inconsistency, but for the apparent inconsistency Mr. Galt's letter would not have been written. I should like to hear you discuss Mr. Galt's remarks from that standpoint.

D. W. H.

SLAUGHTER OF GAME.

Sir,—Your leading article, with reference to the wanton slaughter of moose, elk and deer, in Northeast Kootenay, calls attention to a serious wrong that needs to be righted. The various tourist associations, boards of trade and kindred bodies throughout the province, might justly combine in forwarding a memorial to the provincial government, asking that stringent measures be adopted for the suppression of such slaughter.

Passengers by the last West Coast steamer report that upwards of 250 carcasses of deer are to be seen on the beach near Clayoquot. These animals have been slaughtered and their flesh wasted in order that the skins might be sold at 25c. each. If the provincial police are not able to discover the offenders, then it would be well to appoint game wardens in each district, or to send special officers to collect information regarding the illegal killing. If British Columbia is to remain "the sportsman's paradise," as it is called in the tourist literature, some effort should be made to prevent illegal slaughter such as has been mentioned.

B.

Victoria, March 25, 1903.

CHINESE GAMBLING.

Sir,—If you have the good of humanity at heart, as you profess in your articles re "gambling" appearing in your daily paper of 24th and 25th inst., why did you not send your Colonist reporter down to Chinatown long ago. It is the business of a newspaper to report what is going on in a city. You say that in every country there must be some sort of 'connivance" with the "powers that be," otherwise gambling and such like proceedings could not be carried on in defiance of the law. It is a well known fact that gambling was going on in Victoria before the recent municipal elections, and in today's paper you say the "Colonist's expose will have the effect of completely suppressing it now." What I would like to know is, why did you not suppress it before?

CITIZEN.

[In answer to the above query we will propound another: Why did Eve steal the apple?"—Ed.]

ANOTHER COMPLAINT.

Sir,—I paid the tax on my dog and attached the tag to the collar. I was surprised to see the poundkeeper or his assistant, placing my dog in his wagon. I, of course, objected, and secured the dog. He certainly saw the tag, it being in a conspicuous place, and had no right to take the dog. It would seem as though the paying of this tax is a farce.

JUSTICE.

SOLD NO BASKET.

Sir,—In your local news of the 24th, under the heading of "Strange Disappearance," you state that Mr. R. Levy, when in Nanaimo, sold me a basket. I don't know where you obtained your information, but apparently your are not very careful to ascertain the veracity of statements that may reach you. Anyhow, it is absolutely untrue and I must request you to publish a contradiction and give it at least the same amount of publicity as you did the assertion.

J. LANCASTER.

Nanaimo, March 24th, 1903.

PRESS COMMENTS.

People who fancy that the northern steamer route across the Pacific would take them into an inclement clime should read the accounts of battles which vessels on the Atlantic are now fighting with icebergs off the coast of Newfoundland. We can at least promise that at no time of year will this unpleasant and dangerous experience have to be undergone on the route between this country and the Orient.—Seattle P.-I.

The benefit that has been done Victoria by the Tourist Association has been indisputable, and Vancouver has now a similar organization. The coming summer seems likely to see an increasing tourist traffic in the direction of British Columbia, which only needs the gentle aid of advertising to take its place as the playground of the continent.—Seattle Liberal Review.

Finley Dunne has hired with Harper's to write Dooley's letters and other brainy work for $10,000 a year. This is the end of Dunne. He is Dunne. Give a humorist that much money and he is ruined. Wealth prostitutes talent and especially when humor is the whole card. Humor above all things cannot be forced, and if Dunne is getting $10,000 a year his end is in sight, for his employers will expect him to turn out literary gems much as a Dutchman drains beer from a pump. It cannot be done by Dunne or any writer. Humor in the human soul dries up when a modern waterworks is laid to the spring.—New Denver Ledge.

It will astonish the victims of the grip to learn that the bacillus of that infernal disease is only one-sixteen-thousandth of an inch in length and about one-eighty-thousandth of an inch in width. The general impression during the prevailing epidemic has been that the bacillus must be of at least the size of a sea serpent.—St. Louis Republic.

Readers of the Liberal organs in Ontario these days run the risk of having the impression thrust upon them that it is Mr. Gamey who is to be placed on trial, and that it is the member for Manitoulin for whom the penitentiary doors are now opening wide. There is, it is reluctantly admitted, if one is good at reading between the lines, a possibility that there may be some foundation for what he alleges, and that somebody has been guilty of an indiscretion, a grave error of judgment or something of the kind.—Montreal Gazette.

Breathing defiance and talking rashly and boastingly in characteristic Ames fashion, the poor, old, broken, disgraced former mayor of Minneapolis came back to the city this morning to face that justice he has so long dodged. It is characteristic of his life-long bluff not to be able to see the inconsistency of bragging, bluffing and threatening right on the heels of a determined effort to keep from coming to trial.—Minneapolis Journal.

MEN AND THINGS.

A Danbury man has made a compressed air engine which is half an inch high and no longer than a dime, but it runs as long as the air is applied.

Professor Braun announced before the Strasburg Scientific Society that he has discovered a method of producing electrical energy of unlimited volume and projecting it into space in the form of electric waves to any desired distance.

During a lull in his duties as a collecting agent, the Kaiser has returned his attention to domestic science, and expelled from the royal palace all the pet animals and birds. His royal Highness surmised that they might entertain microbes.

Naval cadets for the U. S. construction corps were, until it was closed to them recently, trained in the school at Greenwich, England. They are now, on graduating from Annapolis, sent to the Boston Institute of Technology for three years.

Dr. Flick, in a lecture on tuberculosis, warned especially against moving into houses previously occupied by consumptives, where disinfection had not been made, and also against the employment of consumptive servants, and emphasized the efficiency of cleanliness as a preventive measure.

The physical director at Yale college has measured all students entering in the last nine years. The non-smokers average 15 months younger than the smokers, are taller and during the four years in school gain 24 per cent more in height and 20.7 per cent more in chest growth than do habitual users of tobacco.

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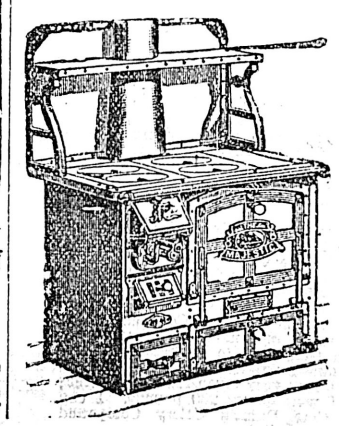

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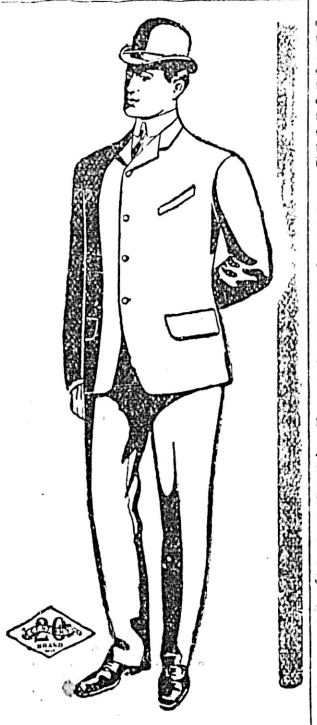

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Local News

Victoria Clearing House.—Total clearings for the week ending March 24, 1903: $397,186.

Musical Festival.—Stanford's "Revenge" and Parry's "St. Cecilia's Day" will be rehearsed this evening at the City Hall.

Sidney Saw Mill.—Owing to the breaking of one of the main driving belts in the Sidney saw mill, the concern has been idle for a few days, but will start up again this week.

Mothers' Club.—A special business meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held this afternoon in the Spring Ridge school at 3.30 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

Dawson's Water Supply—The Dawson City Council has adopted a petition to the Ottawa government to totally annul the Treadgold privileges and favoring the government installing a water system to serve the whole Klondike.

Gun Practice.—The half yearly station gun practice has been gone through with at Forts Macaulay and Rod Hill on Tuesday and Wednesday. Every six months two rounds have to be fired from each gun, to see they are sound.

Ladies' Meeting.—All ladies interested in the formation of a ladies' auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held for this purpose at the association rooms, No. 40 Broad street, on Friday, the 27th inst., at 3 p.m.

Deputation Here.—Dr. Carroll and H. Philip are here from Vancouver as a delegation from the North Vancouver Municipality to interview the government in relation to the securing of an appropriation for Capilano creek, and in respect to other requirements of the municipality.

Tenth Anniversary.—Yesterday was the tenth anniversary of Bishop Perrin's consecration. An address of congratulation, signed by all the clergy of the diocese, was presented, and thankfulness was expressed for the cordial relations which have existed between themselves and the bishop during the past ten years.

Friendly Help.—The annual meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the rooms in the market building. It is hoped that the district visitors will be present, and also all those who are interested in the good work that has been carried on for eight years in the city by this association.

Operetta.—The extremely pretty operetta, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," will be given by the pupils of Mrs. Bridges in the A. O. U. W. hall, Friday and Saturday evening, April 17 and 18. Matinee on the 18th. It promises to be a great success in every way. Between 30 and 40 children will take part in it, with good singing, clever acting and pretty costumes.

Old Men's Home.—On Wednesday next the change of management at the Old Men's Home comes into effect. Mr. Hobbis, who retires, being succeeded by the new appointee, Mr. W. Macdonald. The city, under the new arrangement, will not longer require a house for the manager, as heretofore, as the latter will take up his quarters in the Home. This will mean a considerable saving to the city.

Temperance Reform.—Tomorrow evening in Temperance hall, Pandora street, Mr. T. W. Glover, of New Zealand, will address a public meeting under the auspices of the Good Templars and the W. C. T. U. He will deliver his popular lecture "Forty Years Ago and Now." The affair is under the patronage of the Lord Bishop of Columbia, and most of the city clergy have promised to attend.

Chamber of Commerce.—The regular weekly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow evening. This will be the last regular meeting to be held on Friday evening, a decision having been reached to change the day of the weekly meeting to Tuesdays, after April 1 next. At tomorrow evening's meeting the matter of the appointment of a regular secretary and the securing of permanent rooms will be further considered.

New Tram Cars.—One of the new cars—the first of local manufacture—for use on the tramway system of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, has been completed in the car shops at New Westminster. Two other cars are in course of construction, one of which is to be used on the Victoria lines. They are said to be very handsome and quite up to the standard of excellence set by the best Eastern manufacturers.

Change in Time.—Commencing Saturday next, March 28, a new time card will go into effect on the E. & N. railway. No change is made in the arrival or departure of the morning trains. The afternoon trains on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays will arrive and depart on the same schedule as was in effect last summer, viz: Arrive Victoria 8.10 p. m. and depart at 4.25 p. m. The limit on the return portion of Saturday to Sunday excursion tickets will be extended good to return on Mondays.

Lecture on India.—Readers are reminded of the coming lecture on India, to be given by Mr. F. J. L. Tytler, at the Victoria theatre, this evening. The lovely views he illustrates his lecture with alone warrant its great popularity. Mr. Tytler has made special arrangements for having these pictures thrown on a large screen by means of electric light. This will enable the views to be seen from all parts of the theatre. Mr. Tytler returns shortly to Vancouver, and will then proceed to the States on an extended tour.

Harbor Commissioners.—The resolution now before the City Council, introduced by Ald. Yates, urging on the Dominion government the necessity of the appointment of a board of harbor commissioners, will be amended very materially before it is passed. In its present shape it goes to the extent of asking that the board in Victoria be vested with powers the same as are given the commissioners at the port of Montreal. As this latter body is given extraordinary powers, the resolution will be amended so as not to place the council in the position of asking for something which is not contemplated nor desirable.

Death's Hard.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parsons, of Hillside avenue, mourn the loss by death of their infant son, who passed away last evening.

Special Meeting.—Mr. D. W. Higgins has asked for a special meeting of the Board of Trade at which he will move to re-consider the vote of the board last Wednesday evening approving of the formation of a harbor commission for this port.

Borne to the Grave.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Smith, took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. A large number attended, beautiful floral offerings were presented. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. W. Ferris, P. Green, J. Hughes and P. Carroll.

Laid at Rest.—The Rev. Father Laterme conducted the services yesterday morning in connection with the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnston, of Pandora avenue, who died on the 24th inst, at the Isolation hospital of diphtheria, aged two years. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved mother, the husband being on Provincial Police duties at Clayoquot, B. C.

Yukon's Governor.—Governor Congdon, the newly appointed chief of the Klondike administration, arrived from Vancouver last night and with his wife, two children, and maid, are registered at the Driard. Governor Congdon and his family are en route North, and will leave by the next direct steamer. His Honor was too fatigued after his travel to be interviewed last night. The party will be in town for a few days before leaving for Dawson.

Will Investigate.—His Worship Mayor McCandless made the announcement yesterday that a special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners will be held on Tuesday or Wednesday next for the purpose of instituting an enquiry as to whether gambling "is" going on. The evidence which the Colonist has that gambling "was" being carried on by Chinese is at the disposal of His Worship, the Police Commissioners, or anyone else interested.

Sheriff Redgrave.—The death occurred at Golden yesterday of Sheriff Redgrave. Death came suddenly from heart failure while the sheriff was making an arrest. Deceased was widely known throughout the province and highly esteemed for his many splendid qualities as a citizen and an official, in which latter field he occupied the position of sheriff for many years. He leaves a considerable family. Sergeant Stroud L. Redgrave of the local police force being a son.

Situation at Ladysmith.—James Auld, building contractor of Ladysmith, was in the city yesterday. He says the residents of the little town up the line are bearing up bravely under the blow involved in the closing down of the mines at Extension. The cessation of work has had the effect of weeding out the miners, with the result that those who are left are the stoid, solid fellows, with little homes established and families to look after, who will return to work without demur whenever opportunity offers.

President's Visit.—Mayor McCandless has wired to President Roosevelt inviting him on behalf of the citizens of Victoria to visit this city during the course of his approaching tour of the Northwest. The President is expected at Seattle about the 23rd of May. Owing to press of business, it has been found impossible for the President to fulfil all the engagements which had been made for his Western tour, and as a consequence some points which it was intended to visit have been dropped from the programme.

Cattle Men Suffer.—The cattle districts of the interior of British Columbia have experienced this year the worst winter for a long time, says arrivals from the Upper Country, and the losses through the death of cattle incurred by the ranchers throughout the different districts will aggregate an enormous sum by the time the snow is off the ground. In the Nicola country, for years one of the best and most prosperous ranching countries in all British Columbia, the herds have suffered terribly. For miles out on the ranges the dead bodies of what were good fat beef cattle are lying everywhere, and the ranchers are going to great expense to save what remnants of their herds they have left.

Victoria Terminal.—From all accounts the appearance of the work going on in the Delta with the construction of the Victoria Terminal Railway indicates that it is quite likely that in a few weeks railway facilities will be in readiness. On the Cloverdale end of the track an engine is at work laying rails, and is progressing rapidly. From Port Guichon, according to the Delta News, the track has been laid five miles out, and an engine is expected to arrive daily to push the work on at that end. The large wharf and slip for the transfer of the cars on to the boat is going ahead, two pile drivers being at work driving the piles. At the rate the work is going on at present, the track should be all laid between Port Guichon and Cloverdale by the middle of April.

Imperial Limited—The Imperial Limited service will be resumed early in June. The first limited express will leave Montreal for Vancouver on June 7, and the first train from Vancouver will depart on June 13. The running time from Montreal to Vancouver, and vice versa, will be four days, or the same as that which obtained last year. The service will be tri-weekly both from Vancouver and Montreal. Trains will leave Vancouver on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and from Montreal they will depart on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, during the limited season. The daily five-day express service between Vancouver and Montreal will be maintained, in addition to the Imperial Limited service, thus affording two transcontinental trains three days a week between Vancouver and Montreal.

Rex vs. Jeffs.—George Jeffs, accused of manslaughter as a result of the tragic death of A. C. Anderson on the 15th instant, appeared before the police magistrate in the police court yesterday afternoon. The case was called and remanded until Monday morning. On an order issued in Chambers by Mr. Justice Drake, the accused was admitted to bail in the sum of $5,000. When the application for bail was made in Chambers yesterday morning by Messrs. C. H. Lugrin and Whittaker for the defendant, Deputy Attorney-General McLean, appearing on behalf of the Crown, asked that the bail be fixed at $8,000. It was decided to fix bail in two sureties of $2,500, and Jeffs personally in $5,000. When the case was called in the police court, Jeffs showed how keenly he feels his position. He was almost prostrated. The magistrate admitted him to bail in the sum above mentioned, Messrs. Goodacre and Matson being the sureties. The inquest will be continued this afternoon, when Jeffs will be called to give evidence concerning the unfortunate occurrence.

IN CHAMBERS.

The following applications were heard in Chambers yesterday by Mr. Justice Drake:

Centre Star vs. Miner's Union Order made to set down point of law for argument. Costs in cause. Galt for plaintiff; Taylor, contra.

Gillier vs. E. & N. Railway Company—Application for security of costs was enlarged. H. Robertson for plaintiff. R. H. Pooley, contra.

Pither vs. Conlin-Nelson estate garnishee. Thornton Fell obtained an order to garnishee for pro rata amount.

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WANTED SURVEY OF THE ISLAND

Such Is Recommendation of Committee on Island Railway Extension.

A meeting of the sub-committee which has been engaged in the task of collecting data respecting routes for the extension of the railway to the North end of Vancouver Island, was held yesterday evening at the City Hall, when an exhaustive report was submitted. It's most important portion consisted of a paper on routes presented by William Ralph, P.L.S., C.E.—all of which has already appeared in the Colonist.

There were present at the meeting His Worship Mayor McCandless, who presided, John Jardine, Dr. G. L. Milne, T. W. Paterson, M.P.P., Dennis Harris, C.E., Ald. Grahame, C. H. Lugrin, and Welby Solomon, secretary of the general committee.

The minutes of previous meetings of the sub-committee having been read, the Mayor presented a letter from the president of the E. & N. Railway Company, in which the offer was made to give free right-of-way through the company's lands to any railway which had for its purpose the opening up of the Island as proposed, and to assist the committee in accomplishing its laudable purpose by every means possible.

The letter was received and will be referred to a meeting of the general committee.

The report of the committee was then read. It was a very voluminous document. Summarized, it favored endorsing the route known as Route No. 6, in Mr. Ralph's report, as follows:

"From Alberni harbor Northwesterly to the valley on the South side of Crown mountain, by way of Great Central lake, Battle's lake, Campbell river, etc. From Alberni to Great Central lake you have a wide valley in which to select a line. Then you run along either shore of Central lake to the West end, about 20 miles. Then Northwesterly through a low pass to the South end of Battle's lake. Then North along the East to Campbell river, then down the river, say five miles, then turn to the left up Elk river through a low pass on the South side of Crown mountain. This low pass extends across Vancouver Island by way of Campbell river and lakes, the South side of Crown mountain, Gold river to Nootka. The height of this pass at the summit is 900 feet above sea level."

Surveyor Gray's figures as to the probable cost per mile were quoted as the only available information on that point. Government ownership of the enterprise was spoken of disapprovingly, and the necessity of a survey of the country being immediately undertaken by the government was strongly urged.

The presentation of the report was followed by considerable informal discussion, it being the unanimous opinion of those present that a survey was a necessary preliminary to any further action, which may be taken as looking to the early consummation of the scheme.

Mr. Lugrin announced that Mr. Bolton would be very glad to address a public meeting on the topographical characteristics of Vancouver Island whenever such a meeting would be arranged for.

After some further discussion, it was decided to submit the report to a meeting of the general committee to be called by His Worship the Mayor for Tuesday evening next at the City Hall.

LIGHT AND SHADE IN POLICE COURT

Nakamura Thought Three Dollars Cheap For a Reputation as a Scorcher.

He was a dusky gent, with Aguinaldo hair, white shiny teeth and a smile that was a continuous performance. He looked at the magistrate with a calm, blase air—and when the magistrate opened court, the little Jap leaned on the dock and smiled as if he thought the Mikado had appointed him to be expert cyclist to the Japanese army.

Nakamura—said the clerk—accused of an infraction of the Bicycle Bylaw.

All right, said the interpreter; he says he'll pay.

Not so, said the magistrate; before we separate him from his shekels that we may build new roads for cyclists therewith, let us hear of his great deed.

Nakamura wore a larger smile, for he was proud of his achievement. Did he ride on a bicycle faster than twelve miles an hour in contravention of the statute made and provided? Did he?

Well, I snoma say I did—said the smiling brownie—and the interpreter put it into the vernacular of the Occident.

He says he went like the wind—said the interpreter.

Gradually they unwinded the tale of the exploits of Nakamura. He was a scorcher from away back, and was proud of the fact. He was so proud that he was glad to pay the fine for scorching. What was three dollars compared to honor and fame!

On Sunday last he had gathered local Japan to Beacon Hill to witness the exploits of Nakamura, expert cyclist. He had stripped to the regulation racing costume, and with his naked brown legs peddling for all he knew how, he skimmed over the park roads at a pace faster than twelve miles an hour—he thought he was breaking all records.

Stop! shouted Constable Clayards—but Nakamura was going too fast to stop. His reputation was being made. So the constable let him go—there was nothing else for it, unless the constable got into the record-making business. Later he handed him a blue paper, as the first prize for the scorching exhibition, and yesterday the magistrate said that three dollars was enough to satisfy the wounded feeling of the community on account of this exhibition. Nakamura paid with a smile. His reputation as a scorcher in little Japan was cheap at three dollars.

Two tousy-headed Mongols came into the presence with a frightened look, but when they didn't see the cangue or the bamboo basket, nor even the executioner's axe, they cheered up a little.

They hadn't paid the revenue tax, and the collector wanted three dollars instead of "No sabbee." He could not put "no sabbee" in his accounts, so he haled the offenders before the magistrate.

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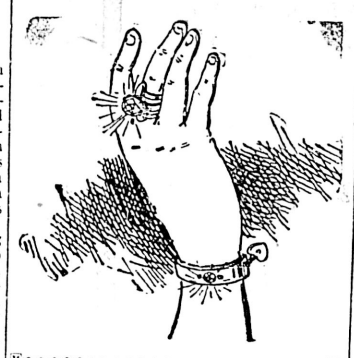

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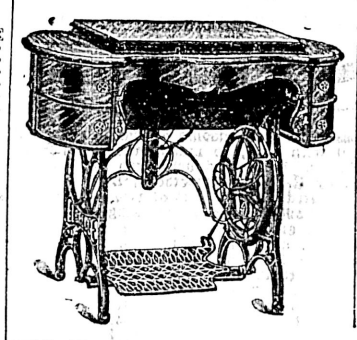

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Princess Victoria Due Tomorrow

New Ferry Steamer For Victoria-Vancouver Run Has Passed San Francisco.

Sealers Lost From Schooner Enterprise Land on the Oregon Coast

The Steamer Princess Victoria, the new ferry steamer of the C. P. N. Co. for the Victoria-Vancouver run, which was built to the order of the local company at Newcastle-on-Tyne, will arrive at the outer docks tomorrow, after a passage of 58 days—the best that has yet been made by any vessels which have come from Britain. The new C. P. N. steamer passed San Francisco yesterday morning, according to a despatch received from the Golden Gate by Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the C. P. N., and she was making good speed on the voyage Northward.

The Princess Victoria left Newcastle-on-Tyne in charge of Capt. Cooper, who brought the steamer Princess May, then known as the Hating, to Victoria from Hongkong, when that vessel was acquired by the C. P. N. Co., on January 28, and but two stops have been made to fill her bunkers on the voyage out. The steamer stopped at Rio de Janiero and Coronal. She reached the former port on the East coast of South America on February 20, after a voyage of 23 days from the ways on which she was constructed, and after coaling she proceeded to Coronal, where she arrived after rounding the Horn, eight days later, and since then she has made good time from the Southern American port, which lies six thousand miles from Victoria.

The officials of the company are very pleased at the performance of the new three-funneled steamer, which has broken all previous records for the run out from England to Victoria. The steamers Tartar and Athenian, which are now running to the Orient for the C. P. R., occupied 66 and 68 days when they arrived from England to be placed on the Skagway route, on which they were engaged during the Klondike rush, and the steamers Quadra and Islander, both of which were brought out from Britain, where they were built, occupied a week or two longer. The steamer Islander occupied 84 days in making the passage to Victoria, and the steamer Quadra, which was built in Scotland for the Dominion government, occupied 72 days in making the passage out. Compared with the passages of the steamers which have rounded the Horn to Victoria from the British shipyards, it will be seen that the steamer Princess Victoria has made an excellent passage. In fact the new steamer has made the voyage out in 26 days less time than the steamer which came out for the same route some years ago and was lost two years ago in August in the North.

The steamer Princess Victoria—a photograph of which is reproduced herewith—was built at Wallsend by Messrs. C. S. Swan & Hunter, Limited. She is a twin-screw steamer, of the following dimensions: Length, between perpendiculars, 300 feet; beam, extreme, 40 feet 6 inches; and depth, moulded, 18 feet 6 inches. She has been designed for the company's mail and passenger service between Victoria and Vancouver, and will accommodate a large number of passengers, all above the hurricane deck. On the upper deck aft is a large deckhouse containing the dining saloon, with seating accommodation for ninety saloon passengers, and also the galley and pantry. From the after end of the engine casing to the stem the plating is carried up to the hurricane deck, and in this space at the after end are the rooms for the engineers, petty officers, etc., whilst forward the space is reserved for second-class passengers. On the hurricane deck is placed a large house almost the whole width of the vessel, and 245 feet in length, at the sides of which are the staterooms for the first-class passengers, the space between these cabins being fitted up as a sitting room, access being obtained to the dining saloon below by a commodious staircase aft of the engine room. At the forward end of this house a good space is reserved for the second-class entrance and smoke-room. At the forward part of this house is the main staircase for first-class passengers, to give access to the deck above. This deck has a large opening, which gives the sitting-room below a very lofty and handsome appearance. The house on this deck extends for a length of 170 feet, and is arranged on the same principle as the house below it, with state rooms at the sides and sitting room between. At the after end there is a comfortable smoking room, whilst the space at the forward end will be fitted as an observation room with large square windows.

The vessel has a handsome appearance, is rigged with two-pole masts, and has three funels. The machinery was constructed by R. & W. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., Limited, and consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines working on four cranks, and balanced on the Yarrow, Schlick, and Tweedy system. The cylinders are 24 inch, 40 inch, 43½ inch., with a common stroke of 33 inches, and are expected to develop about 5,500 I.H.P. on the trial trip, steam being supplied by six single-ended boilers, each 15 feet diameter by 11 feet long, working at a pressure of 160 pounds per square inch. The draught will be assisted by fans giving a modified forced draught. This machinery is expected to drive the vessel at a speed of 18 knots an hour in service, and 19 knots on trial trip. In designing the Princess Victoria, special attention has been paid to the safety as well as comfort of the passengers. There is a double bottom with water-tight flats, and a number of additional water-tight bulkheads, so as to make the vessel unsinkable. The construction of the ship and engines has been under the superintendence of Mr. J. B. Cousins, of Glasgow. On leaving the ways, the vessel was named the Princess Victoria by Mrs. Archer Baker, of London, wife of the European traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railway.

THE BIG STEAMERS.

Achilles Discharging Freight at Outer Docks All Day.

Steamer Achilles, the fine freight carrier of the Blue Funnel line—the first of that line to call here—was busy all day yesterday at the outer docks discharging her freight for this port, consisting of about 350 tons. The steamer Iyo Maru sailed at daylight for Puget Sound. Steamer Pleiades passed out yesterday, loaded with a large cargo of general freight for Port Arthur, to which port she is bound on this voyage, instead of to Hongkong and the usual ports of call in China. The cargo included heavy shipments of flour. Steamer Empress of Japan is now en route across the Pacific from Yokohama to Victoria, and is expected to reach the outer docks on Tuesday. The Lyra is also en route, and is due on April 10. The Aki Maru, the new steamer of the N. Y. K. line, is due on April 7.

SEALERS MAKE SHORE.

Trying Experience of Members of the Crew of the Enterprise.

A special despatch to the Colonist from its Portland correspondent says news has reached there from Gold Beach, a point on the remote Southern Coast of Oregon, that a small boat containing three sealers who were lost from the schooner Enterprise, landed there a few days ago. The men are Jack Roblar and William Palmer, able seamen of Victoria and Tommy, a British Columbian Indian. According to their story the men shipped on the sealing schooner Enterprise at Victoria on January 26. They had been sealing down the Coast. According to custom the three men put off in the small boat to hunt, but at evening were unable to find the ship. Guided by the sun they rowed towards the land, and after two days and nights succeeded in landing. The sea was calm and large crowds gathered on the beach when the small boat was seen approaching the shore. The boat capsized, but the men were assisted to land with no more harm than a ducking. The two white men have gone to work in a cannery at Portland, while the Indian has shipped for the North.

PROBABLY THE PRESCOTT.

Derelict Supposed to Be Wrecked Sealing Schooner.

The tug Tatoosh has returned to Portland from her cruise in search of the derelict schooner that was reported adrift off the mouth of the river, and while the schooner was not sighted, enough was learned to clear up the mystery. The Tatoosh took a course Southwest from the mouth of the river, and after steaming about thirty miles, met a Victoria sealing schooner, whose name was not reported by the tug, which reported having seen nothing except the recently wrecked sealing schooner Prescott, off Gray's Harbor, on March 10. The Tattosh then continued her course about sixty miles, when she spoke the barkentine Omega, and her master cleared up the mystery. He said that Friday evening he passed a small dismasted vessel. She was light, had no bowsprit, all the windows in her house were broken, and a small rope was hanging from her bow. He thought the craft was some old sealing vessel or yacht that had broken adrift from some of the rivers along the coast. There was no water in the vessel, but she was not worth towing ashore.

THE GENEVA.

One of the Deserters Writes of the Experiences.

According to a letter received from one of the seven deserters of the sealing schooner Geneva, the man had a trying passage South, the vessel leaking badly and the men being kept at the pumps. Regarding the desertion off Oahu, the writer says: "We had a hard time coming ashore in the boat, as we were nearly wrecked on the coral reefs. If we had ever struck one all hands would have passed in their checks. There was just one small spot where it was possible to land, and we happened to strike it. We then had to take to the mountains, and we certainly had a hard time. Detectives were after us three days and nights before they got any of us. Four were first captured. Next day one more was taken, leaving myself and one other. We were caught two days later. We were all sent to the state prison to await trial. The prison here is a bad one, but we did not feel bad over it, as we knew we were justified in doing what we did. I suppose our friends do not think much of us because of getting into this trouble, but we are not criminals. We were only looking after our lives, for if we had not run away the vessel would never have entered port, and we would be floating around the bottom somewhere. The others of the crew can therefore thank us."

THE ANNIE E. SMALE.

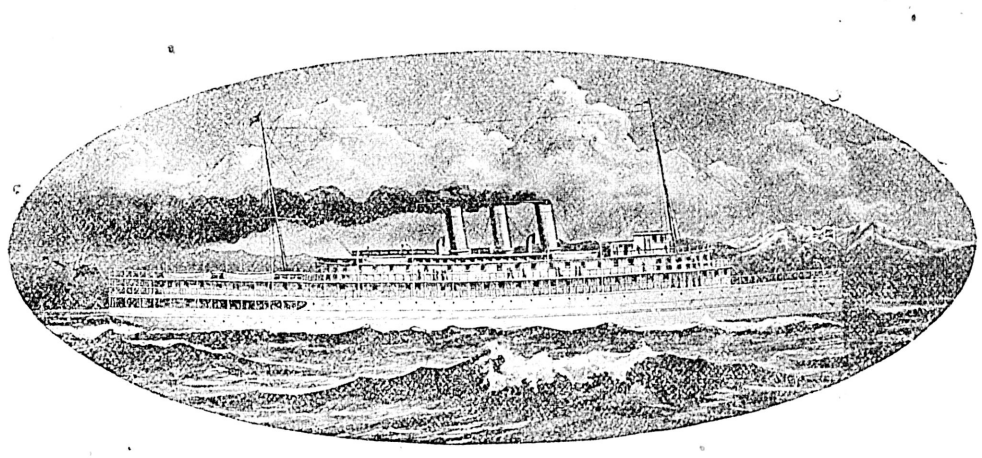
Fine New Schooner Which is Chartered to Load Here, in Distress.

The schooner Annie E. Smale, which has been chartered by W. A. Ward to load mining props at Pender Island for Santa Rosalia, is now at San Francisco, and is leaking slightly as the result of a blow received at Marshfield from the steam schooner Arcata. The Smale was tied up to the wharf and the Arcata struck her with considerable force. Had it not been for the schooner's unusual strength of timber the damage done would have been very serious. As it is, $1,000 will probably cover the cost of repairs. The Annie E. Smale, which will carry 1,700,000 feet of lumber, was built by K. V. Kruse at Coos Bay. She is owned by her commander, Capt Colstrup, and others, and cost more than $50,000 She is most substantially constructed, and her below deck accommodations are much more elaborate than usually found on vessels of her character. She has twelve commodious staterooms aft, large and artistically finished living quarters for officers, and a big private room for the skipper, who intends to take his wife to sea with him. The Smale took 950,000 feet of lumber to San Francisco. After discharging this she will come to Victoria.

LOW NITRATE RATES.

Ivanhoe, Bound to Victoria From Junin, at Honolulu.

The bark Ivanhoe, Capt. Grant, which is en route to Victoria from Junin with nitrate, arrived at Honolulu on Friday last to land part of her cargo, before coming to Victoria. The Ivanhoe is commanded by a Victorian, Capt. Grant, whose residence is in this city. The Curzon is also coming to Victoria from nitrate ports. The nitrate kings of the west coast of South America, like the wheat kings of Eastern Oregon and Washington, are just at present enjoying the advantages of the lowest rates they have ever secured on sailing vessels to Europe. The British ship Clan Buchanan has been chartered for April-May loading at a west coast nitrate port at 12s 6d per ton, less 1s 3d if sent to a direct port. The British bark Barcore has been fixed at the same figure, and the German bark Parnassos has been taken at 11s 9d, less 1s 3d for March loading. The Princess Marie was chartered at 13 shillings for April.



STEAMER PRINCESS VICTORIA.

MARINE NOTES.

Reinsurance on the bark Columbia, 59 days from Kobe, for Royal Roads, has been increased to 25 per cent.

Steamer Venture is at Croft and is charging a cargo of ore for the smelter. She will take a large party of miners to Quatsino tomorrow.

Steamer Tees will reach port today from the West Coast. The steamer left Banfield creek for Victoria via San Juan at 1 o'clock this morning.

Tatoosh, March 25.—6 p. m.—Clear, east wind, 10 miles. Inward, str Montara, San Francisco for Seattle; Polarstjenen, San Francisco for Nanaimo at 6:30. Schr. Alvena, San Pedro for Whatcom. Outward, bk Andromeda, Pt. Ludlow for South Africa.

MARINE NEWS.

Vancouver—Arrived, March 24, str City of Seattle from Skagway, and proceeded to Seattle.

Tacoma—Arrived, March 24, str Shawmut from Hongkong.

San Francisco—Sailed str Chas. Nelson for Seattle; sh Star of Italy for Nanaimo; str Columbia for Astoria; str Mackinaw for Tacoma; str Chehalis for Grays harbor.

Sydney—Arrived prior to March 29, Br sh Beneda from Tacoma.

Yokohama—Arrived, March 20, str Olympia from Victoria.

Hongkong—Arrived, prior to March 21, Br str Empress of China from Victoria.

Astoria—Sailed, March 24, Br bk Castor for Melbourne. Arrived, str Aurelia from San Francisco.

Sagres—Passed str Dendorah from Hamburg for San Francisco via Genoa, Valparaiso, etc.

Honolulu—Arrived, March 19, Br bark Ivanhoe from Junin; str Sonoma for Sydney; str Korea from Hongkong and Yokohama for San Francisco.

Algoa Bay—In port, Jan 26, Br. sh Tinto Hall for San Francisco via Newcastle, Aus.

Delagoa Bay—Arrived March 17, schr Kora from Puget Sound.

Hamburg — Sailed March 15, Br bark Beechbank for Sanata Rosalia.

Kinsale—Passed March 18, Br ship Osborne for Liverpool.

Port Elizabeth—Arrived March 18, Br sh Pass of Leny from Tacoma.

Shanghai—Arrived March 17, bktn Hawaii from Oregon.

Sydney—Arrived, March 6, str Miowera from Victoria.

SMALL FIRE.

At 2 o'clock this morning the fire brigade was called to the residence of Mr. Godfrey at the corner of Simcoe and Oswego streets, where a blaze was found in the front room. It would seem that on retiring a fire had been left in the grate, and live coals falling out onto the floor set fire to the room, doing about $100 damage.

AT THE A. O. U. W.

The Harry Lindley company presented "Damon and Pythias" last evening in a manner that calls for special commendation. The old Grecian story, exemplifying the supreme test of friendship, was portrayed in excellent style. It is a testimonial to the worth of the cast presenting the play when it can be said that in every feature the production was most faithfully produced. F. G. Long as "Damon" and B. S. Deeks as "Pythias" were admirable in respect to their elocutionary powers, their work evidencing close and conscientious study of their respective parts. Charles Gunn, who made his first appearance, was excellent as "Emperor Dionysius." Nellie Long as "Calanthe," Miss Nita Barton as "Hermion," and Miss Hammond as "Aria," were all excellent, Miss Long being especially good. The audience last evening was very appreciative, the principal roles coming in for considerable applause. "Damon and Pythias" will be repeated this evening, and is deserving of a good house. This is the last week of the Lindley company, and specially good plays are being put on for the balance of the engagement. Tomorrow and Saturday evenings, "How Women Love" will be the bill, and such an engrossing theme should prove highly attractive to those anxious to explore the depth of the erotic emotion of the fair sex.

AN EPIDEMIC OF WHOOPING COUGH.

We have a village here of 200 inhabitants and had whooping cough in our vicinity last winter. I sold on an average of one dozen bottles per week of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy during the entire winter, and in every instance it gave perfect satisfaction.

J. E. Pyles, Merchant,
Poolesville, Md.

A boom has been started on the London Stock Exchange based on the existence of gold in Egypt. This led to a broker remarking, "Gold in Egypt! Don't tell me. Do you think if there had been gold in Egypt Moses would ever have led the Children of Israel out of the —— country."

If you are tired taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man can't stand everything. One pill a dose. Try them

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The current supplied by my Belt enters the body in a glowing stream of vitalizing heat, so gentle that the nerves and vital organs absorb it as freely as a hungry babe drinks milk. This force is added to the natural power generated by the stomach; it saturates every vital part and soon transforms the debilitated body into a natural storage battery which generates its own health and closes the doors for ever to disease and debility.

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Have worn your Belt for a month, and I can say that I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for years.—**W. BURNS, Helen Mines, Mississippi Co., Ont.**

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Some months ago I got one of your Belts and to-day I would not take $100 for it if I could not get another.—**JAMES GREGG, Bridgenorth, Ont.**

I am sixty-five years of age, and I think your Belt is an age renewer when worn according to directions.—**PHILIP RADMORE, 205 Victoria avenue, Ottawa, Ont**

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.—There are dozens of them, and the bait is always a supposed **"FREE GIFT"** or a Belt for a few dollars. Many who have been victimized by such offers lose faith in electricity, as the only result given them is a burned back (if they get any current at all). I have hundreds of these old magnetic bands which have been discarded as useless. I make an allowance on such Belts Write to me or call at my office and let me show you the difference and the pleasant sensation of a properly applied electric current.

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Tenders will be received by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria, up to the 20th of April, 1903, for the purchase of $204,000 Government of British Columbia Dyking Debentures, in denominations of $1,000, issued under authority of the "Public Dyking Act," bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum, payable half-yearly, at the Government Treasury, Victoria, on the 1st January and 1st July, in each year; the Principal redeemable in 35 years from the 1st of July, 1932.

Tenders to state the price net. Interest will be payable from the date on which the purchase money is deposited at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria. The Bank, acting under instructions from the Government, reserves the right of acceptance of any tender.

Tenders to be addressed to the Manager

Municipal Notice

SEWER RENTAL AND SEWER CONSTRUCTION TAX.

Public notice is hereby given that under the provisions of "The Sewer By-Law, 1902", the roll for the year 1903 has been prepared and filed in my office, showing the owner and occupier, if any, of lands and real property fronting upon each branch, main, or common sewer, or drain laid in the city of Victoria, and showing the number of feet frontage of the land of each owner or occupier so fronting, and giving the name and address of each owner, and of the occupier, and also giving the amounts each one is assessed in respect to sewer rental and sewer connection tax, which are to be paid according to the said By-Law. Any person whose name appears therein may petition the Council in manner hereinafter mentioned, viz: "Any person dissatisfied with the number of feet frontage with which he is assessed upon such roll, whether upon the ground that the measurement is incorrect, or that the land and real property are not liable to taxation or are inequitably assessed under the provisions of this By-Law, may, not later than the 1st day of April in each year petition the Council for an alteration in such roll, and shall state his grounds for requiring an alteration."

CHAS. KENT,
Treasurer and Collector.

City Treasurer and Collector's Office, City Hall, Victoria B. C.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Albert Edward Todd for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to part 5 22-100 acres of Section Sixty-Eight (68) Victoria District, delineated on the Map or Plan attached to a certain Deed of Conveyance, dated 18th November, 1889, and made between Helen McLean of the one part, and Thomas Earle of the other part.

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above hereditaments will be issued to Albert Edward Todd on the 7th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 2nd February, 1903.

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Time Table No. 47. Effective March 28th, 1903.

Northbound. Leave.	Daily. A.M.	Southbound. Arrive P.M.
Victoria	9:00	12:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46
Duncans	11:00	10:02
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10
	P.M.	
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20
Ar. Wellington	12:53	Lv. 8:00

Northbound. Leave.	Sat., Sun. & Wed. P.M.	Southbound Arrive. P.M.
Victoria	4:25	8:10
Shawnigan Lake	5:42	7:01
Duncans	6:20	6:05
Ladysmith	7:10	5:16
Nanaimo	8:02	4:25
Ar. Wellington		Lv. 4:10

Through Tickets to Crofton.

Via Westholm. Stage leaves Daily except Sunday, connecting with North and South Bound trains. Double stage service Saturdays and Wednesdays, connecting with morning and afternoon trains. Fare from Victoria, Single, $2. Return, $3.

Through Tickets Victoria to Alberni

Stage leaves Nanaimo, Tuesdays and Fridays, on arrival of train from Victoria. Returning, leaves Alberni, Mondays and Thursdays. Fare from Victoria, single, $5.20, return, $8.65

Excursion rates in effect to all points, good going Saturday and Sunday, returning not later than Monday.

A special rate of one dollar in effect from Victoria to Shawnigan Lake. Tickets good Saturdays and Sundays.

GEO. L. COURTNEY,
Traffic Manager.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of the application of Leon Curtat for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Lots Three Hundred and Ninety-Six (396), Six Hundred and Five (605) and Six Hundred and Six (606) Victoria City

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above hereditaments will be issued to Leon Curtat on the 28th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 19th February, 1903.

YATES & JAY,
Solicitors for Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situated at the corner of Waddington Alley and Johnson Street in the city of Victoria and known as the California Hotel to Thomas McManus.

E. W. BICKLE
By his attorney-in-fact
Joseph Loewen.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on south side of Yates street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the Dawson Hotel, to Peter Steele.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1903.

WILLIAM JENSEN,
By his Attorneys in Fact, The B. C. Land and Investment Agency, Ltd.
Per C. A. HOLLAND, Mgr.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia. In the Matter of the Lenora-Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited. Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding-Up Act and Amending Acts.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Irving has by an order dated the 15th day of December, A. D. 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Matson of the McGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above-named Company.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D. 1902.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
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J. B. PAINTER

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Charles Hayward, for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Lot Twelve Hundred and Seventy-Eight (1278) Block Forty-Six (46) Victoria City, having a frontage on Erie street of Sixty (60) feet from Lot Twelve Hundred and Eighty-Nine (1289) in said Block Forty-Six (46), Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above hereditaments will be issued to Charles Hayward on the 7th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for Chas. Hayward.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 2nd day of February, 1903.

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PERSONAL.

T. C. Flam of London, England, is registered at the Dominion.

Mrs. Nelson of the Quamichan hotel at Duncans, is registered at the Dominion.

A. B. Rombauer, the assayer at the Crofton smelter, is a guest at the Dominion.

C. S. Queen, the ex-alderman of Vancouver, came down last night on the Charmer, and is amongst those registered at the Dominion.

W. F. Findlay, of the Vancouver Province, and S. R. Robb, of the aVncouver World, are down to report the Estes case now in progress in the city police court. They are very well known here, and are busy looking up old acquaintances.

The following are registered at the Hotel Victoria: T. P. Kelsey, Brainerd, Mont.; F. A. Nolan, St. Paul; D. Hutchinson, Millbank, Ont.; W. R. Robertson, Duncans; J. Conway, J. W. Stewart, Skeena; Judge Boles, Mr. C. G. Major, New Westminster; F. P. Fleming, city.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: L. A. Cars allen, J. R. Miller, C. A. Griffith, Mrs. L. F. Norie, L. F. Norie, F. T. Congdon, wife and family, J. H. Hoffett, W. E. Rulands, W. A. Parrott, S. C. Flawn, Miss Balsley, J. H. Anthony, Frances Abel, H. G. Herbert, R. J. Woods, C. L. Queen, W. F. Findlay, Judge Bole, Mrs. Abel, Dr. Carroll, Alex. Philip, T. R. E. McInnes, S. R. Robb, C. G. Major, T. M. Henderson, W. W. B. McInnes, E. S. Busby, G. Sheppard, G. Barhardt, G. S. M. Connell, C. M. Macpoe, Jas. Power, R. Collisecer, J. McGowan, B. Field, W. H. Hueltza, W. J. McMaster, J. Pottingill, J. W. Lloyd, Thos. Oliver, P. F. Scharsmidt, A. Ferarer, Mrs. LeBlanc, A. J. Ryan, F. B. Hill, E. A. Morris.

Passengers per steamer Majestic from the Sound: F. C. Scrivner and wife, Mrs. Clark, Jas. Conley, J. Meadowcress, Jas. Williams, W. D. Byers, Jas. Series, F. A. Nolan, M. McClain, Geo. Heath, J. W. McKibbon, H. Ridgway, L. N. Terry, Jas. Edwards, H. A. Kyle, Mrs. Thompson, H. Erb and wife and daughter, Mrs. Reilly, Capt. Deems; L. A. Scott, C. M. Weaster and wife, B. Hutchinson, Mrs. J. Hutchinson, Capt. Anhagen and wife, Mrs. Beck, O. Kivener, W. Andrews.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 25.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is comparatively low over the Pacific Slope and high over the Rockies. Rain is falling on the Lower Mainland and in California, and generally unsettled weather prevails between these districts. The winds remain light to moderate on the coast from Vancouver to California, in Cariboo and the Territories the weather is quite cold.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	43
New Westminster	38	40
Kamloops	22	34
Barkerville	8	30
Dawson	2	12
Calgary	10	24
Winnipeg	44	52
Portland	50	58
San Francisco		

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, mostly cloudy, with showers tonight or on Friday; not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, mostly cloudy, with sleet or rain; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m. 38	Mean	41
Noon 41	Highest	43
5 p.m. 42	Lowest	38

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. Calm
Noon 2 miles northwest
5 p.m. 4 miles northeast.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Rain—.01 inch.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.856
Corrected 29.878

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 29.96

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, March 25.—The stock market made an unsteady stand against reaction for a time today, but before the closing hour discouragement apparently had overcome the speculative mind again. Prices broke sharply to the lowest of the day. There were indications of well-organized bear leadership on the decline. The early resistance to reaction was sustained principally by Pennsylvania and New York Central. No cause was apparent other than the publication of revived assertions that the control of New York Central virtually was lodged in the hands friendly to the Pennsylvania interests. This assertion was met with official denials of varying emphasis.

New York, March 25. The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	68
American Locomotive	34¼
American Sugar	124½
American Smelter	44⅝
A. C. F.	49
Anaconda Mining Co.	115¾
Atchison	81
Atchison pfd	97⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	91⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	65¼
Canadian Pacific Railway	160¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	46⅝
St. Paul	164⅝
Consolidated Gas	206¼
Colorado Fuel & Iron	36
Corn Products	34
C. C. C. & St. L.	91⅝
Denver & Rio Grande	86
Duluth, S. S. & A.	16¼
Duluth, S. S. & A. pfd	24¼
Erie	37
Iowa Central	65
Kansas & Texas	25½
Kansas & Texas pfd	55
Louisville & Nashville	119⅝
Manhattan Elevated	138¼
Missouri Pacific	107¾
Minn., St. P. & S. St. M.	126⅝
Metropolitan Traction	134½
New York Central	135⅝
Erie Railway	35
Erie Railway 1st pfd	60¾
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	53¼
South Western	30⅝
Norfolk & Western	71
Pennsylvania Railway	141⅝
Pressed Steel	63½
People's Gas	102
Philadelphia & Reading	59⅝
Rock Island	33⅝
Southern Railway	32
Southern Railway pfd	92¼
Southern Pacific	62⅝
Tennessee Coal & Iron	65¼
Texas & Pacific	37⅝
Pacific Mail	115
United States Leather	12¾
United States Leather pfd	91
United States Steel	35¼
United States Steel pfd	89⅞
United States Rubber	15¼
Union Pacific	90¾
Wabash Railway	28⅝
Wabash Railway pfd	50
Western Union	88
Wisconsin Central	25
C. P. R. in London	179¾
Commercial Cable	160

New York, March 25.—Pig iron, nominal; copper, dull, at $14.50 and $15; nominal; lead, quiet; tin, firmer; straights, $29.25 and $29.75; plates, quiet; spelter, easy.

New York, March 25.—Close prime mercantile paper, 5¾ to 6 per cent. Sterling Exchange heavy with actual business in bankers bills at $4.86.95 at $4.87, for demand, and at $4.83.75 to $4.83.80 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.87½ and $4.88. Commercial bills $4.83¼ to $4.83½. Bar silver, 48⅝; Mexican Dollars, 38¼; Government bonds strong; railroad bonds irregular.

Chicago, March 25.—Close, Wheat—May, 72¼ to ⅞; July, 70⅞; September, 67⅞. Corn—March, 41⅞; May 47⅛; July, 43½; September, 43. Oats—March, 31¾; May, 32¼; July, 38; September, 28⅛ to 28¼.

SPORTING NEWS.

WHIST.

The J. B. A. A. club whist tournament will take place tonight as usual in the club card rooms.

THE KENNEL.

Dr. Wesley Mills, of McGill University, Montreal, arrived in the city yesterday. He is on a short visit to the Coast for the purpose of acting as judge at the Victoria Bench Show, and during his visit will give a lecture, both in this city and in Victoria on "The Friend of Man—the Dog." His lecture here will be given in the Opera House on Friday evening, and that in Victoria on Monday night.

Upon his arrival here Dr. Mills was called up by many of his former McGill students and members of the British Columbia McGill Graduates' Society, including Drs Tunstall, McGuigan, Boyle, Dryer, Poole and others. In response to their request he agreed to give an illustrated lecture upon "New View as to the Structure and Functions of the Nerve System." This lecture will be given in the Board of Trade rooms on Thursday evening, and will be for the benefit of the members of the British Columbia Medical Association in Vancouver, New Westminster and District.

Being a member of the Faculty of McGill, Dr. Mills is naturally anxious to see the Vancouver College, which is affiliated for the second year in Arts with McGill, and purposes calling on Principal Shaw this morning. He states that those interested in the educational work of Canada are closely watching the step towards advancement in higher education in the West.—News-Advertiser.

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Rolled oats, B. & K., per lb	4
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Flour—	
Hungarian	$1.35
Pastry	$1.25
Feed—	
Hay, baled, per ton	$13
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	$26
Bran, per ton	$23
Crushed feed, per ton	$26
Vegetables—	
Cabbage, per lb	2 to 3
Cauliflower, per head	15
Onions, per lb	3
Carrots, per lb	1½@ 3
Beet root, per lb	3
Potatoes, per 100 lbs	75c to $1.00
Sweet potatoes, per lb	5
Celery	10 to 15
Turnips, per lb	1½@ 3
Artichokes, per lb	2
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	25
Eastern eggs, per dozen	20
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb	20 to 25
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb	25@30
Best dairy, per lb	20 to 25
Victoria creamery, per lb	35
Cowichan creamery, per lb	35
Fresh Island butter	30 to 35
Fruits—	
Cocoanuts, each	10@15
Lemons, California, per doz.	25
Lemons, small, per doz	20@25
Apples, XX $1.20, XXX	$1.75
Vernon apples	$1 to $2
California nuts (almonds) 4 lbs	25
California figs (white), 3 lbs	25
California figs, new crop, 1 lb.	10
Currants, per lb	10 to 12½
Raisins, per lb	12½
Sultanas	17½
California	12½
Loose Muscats	8 to 10
Mixed peel, per lb	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowls, each	50 to 75
Wild fowls, per pair	60
Fish—	
Smoked salmon, per lb	15
Spring salmon, per lb	10
Cod, per lb	6
Halibut, per lb	8
Smoked halibut	10
Halibut, frozen	6
Flounders	6
Oolichans, per lb	8
Herrings, per lb	4
Crabs, per dozen	50 to 75
Bloaters	10
Kippers	12½
Salt mackerel, each	15
Salt cod, per lb	10
Salt touches and sounds, per lb.	20
Salt Holland herring, per keg	$1.50
Salt salmon, each	25
Salmon bellies, per lb	12½
Meats—	
Beef	10 to 18
Mutton, per lb	12½ to 18
Veal	12½ to 20
Pork	11 to 18
Lipton's bacon	25
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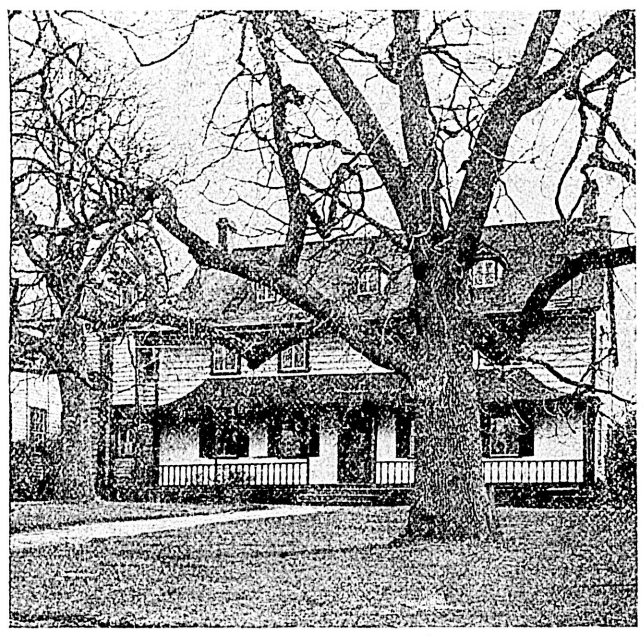

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Sir Sandford Fleming's Views

Favors Building Transcontinental Line With Terminus at Port Simpson.

"No Public Undertaking Would Better Meet Wants of New Dominion."

The secretary of the Board of Trade is in receipt of copies of a neat pamphlet giving the contents of a very interesting paper on the Trans-Canada railway project, which was read before the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, by Mr. J. G. Scott, on January 13 last. Mr. Scott is general manager of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway, and the Great Northern Railway of Canada.

Mr. Scott presents a report of an interview with Sir Sandford Fleming, which has not heretofore appeared in any of the Western newspapers. The great railway authority has long been an advocate of a line of railway across the continent having its Pacific terminus at a Northerly British Columbia port; and in a report issued by him many years ago, before the C. P. R. was constructed, he favored a line having its terminus on Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island. At this time, however, Sir Sandford Fleming points out the important advantages of Port Simpson as the Western terminus for the proposed road. His views are of particular interest to British Columbians. The paper thus introduces his statement:

Sir Sandford Fleming, the most celebrated engineer in Canada, or perhaps in America, who has just completed the great project of a Pacific telegraph cable from Canada to Australia, and who has an intimate knowledge of the whole of the country to be traversed by the Trans-Canada, was interviewed by a reporter when it was announced that the Grand Trunk Railway contemplated building a transcontinental road.

His opinion, which follows, is a remarkable confirmation, by the greatest known authority, of the wisdom of the selection of the route provided for in the Trans-Canada charter.

"I am inclined to think Mr. Blair is on the right track in proposing to extend the Intercolonial Railway to the Pacific. It seems to me, however, that it would be a mistake to try to form a new transcontinental line in a haphazard way by connecting various fragments of railway which have been located without any general plan. The effect would be to lengthen the whole line and unduly lower its engineering character, and almost certainly give it features which would be forever regarded as blemishing to a great transcontinental line. To realize Mr. Blair's conception of a new national railway, it should, in my judgment, begin at the Quebec bridge, now building, where it would form a direct connection with the Intercolonial, and it should extend from Quebec by the most direct route to Port Simpson on the Pacific. From what I know of the general character of the greater part of the intervening distance, I believe a line with splendid engineering features could, with ordinary care, be secured. It would pass away to the North of the rugged shore of Lakes Huron, Superior, Nipigon, and Winipeg, through a vast region reported generally of alluvial soil, with abundance of wood and water.

"First—The Quebec bridge is in progress, that structure I have always favored, but it would have been a bold man to have proposed such a work a quarter of a century ago. The Quebec bridge will give the needed connection with the Intercolonial as well as the Grand Trunk Railway, and along with a junction with these railways access and egress to and from Atlantic points at all seasons.

"Second—The greater part of the vast region through which the new line might pass between Quebec and Port Simpson is woodland, and we have today a new value given to the timber, which was undreamed of 25 years ago. The territory to be traversed is the natural home of pulp-wood, and in this vegetable substance the unoccupied regions of Quebec and Ontario have an inexhaustible crop ready for harvesting. A crop of a perennial character, which, in extent, I venture to say, is unsurpassed in the North American continent—perhaps in the whole world.

"I have already expressed my doubts as to the wisdom or expediency of proceeding in a haphazard way to establish a new transcontinental railway. I regard the shortest line obtainable between the tide-waters of the two oceans as quite long enough. For that and other cogent reasons I would advocate the most favorable route which can be had between the port of Quebec and Port Simpson for a new Dominion Grand Trunk line, and at the same time to have in view the establishment of railway service with all desirable points by branches judiciously laid out. By having regard to these leading principles, great advantages would, in my judgment, result. It seems to me there is ample room for the new railway. It would in no way interfere with any other line, and it may be regarded as a natural development of the railway system of Canada. I am satisfied that it is possible to establish a splendid national railway on the route proposed with the best ocean ports as its termini. With a Rocky Mountain passage very much lower than that of any railway yet constructed across the North American Continent, and with general engineering features even more favorable than those obtained on the Intercolonial Railway, such a line would give breadth to Canada and admit of settlements and profitable industries where such are not now possible. In the far Northwest it would open up for ranching the rich plains of the Peace river and Northern British Columbia, and render the more distant gold fields more easily accessible at all seasons.

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"Regarded simply from a Canadian standpoint, I cannot conceive any public undertaking which would better meet the wants of the New Dominion, throughout the whole extent. I rejoice to know that it has so soon in Canadian history been brought up as a serious consideration."

B. C. METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Will Meet in Metropolitan Methodist Church 14th of May.

The B. C. conference of the Methodist church will convene in the Metropolitan church, Victoria, on May 14, 1903. This will be the seventeenth session since its organization. Great changes will take place in the pastorate throughout the province, including changes at Nanaimo, Vancouver, Nelson and Fernie. At Vancouver Rev. E. E. Scott will be replaced by an Eastern man from Galt, Rev. Walter E. Pescott, B. A., who entered the ministry in 1883, and the Rev. R. N. Powell of Nanaimo, has been invited to succeed Rev. John Robson, B. A., of Princess Street, Vancouver. The Rev. James White, of Nelson, has become superintendent of missions for British Columbia.

The president, Rev. E. E. Scott, has gone East to attend a meeting of the Transfer committee, which meets in Toronto on April 2. The work of this committee is to transfer ministers from one conference to another. Mr. Scott expects to secure nine young ministers. Young unmarried men can live cheaper, and can move more rapidly from place to place in the pioneer regions of the province, as it is difficult to build and rent dwellings in many places during their periods of formation. It would inflict a hardship on men with families, as well as be an additional and unnecessary expense on the missionary society.

Rapid strides have been made in every department of church work which had made it necessary to secure more men from Eastern conferences.

At the roll call last year 83 ministers and laymen were present, and this year on account of the method adopted of equalizing traveling expenses, it is expected that every district will be well represented.

Rev. A. C. Crews, the secretary of the Young People's Societies, is expected to visit the Coast during the conference, and will assist in convention work if he comes. The B. C. conference is regarded as one of the most progressive throughout the Dominion, and it may recommend steps to be taken towards organic union with other evangelical churches. This will prevent overlapping in centres with sparce population, and be a wise saving of men and money. Who will be president? This is a question that is difficult to answer. A few years ago it was difficult to secure men to fill the various offices, but this state of affairs exists no longer as there are quite a number of ministers capable of filling the position with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the church.

REBELLION IN DOMINGO.

Movements of the Bellicose Factions in the West Indian Island.

Monte Christo, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 24.—Advices received here from San Domingo show that General Alejandro Jose Y Gil and his revolutionary followers are masters of San Domingo city, and it is said General Miguel Pichardo, minister of war and General Juan Francisco Sachez, minister of foreign affairs who had sought refuge in the United States Consulate surrendered last night to the revolutionists with a small group of followers. Revolutionists are in possession of two or three Dominican war vessels, namely the cruiser Independence and the gunboat Colon. General Horacio Vasquez, president of Santo Domingo, left Porto Plata on the Northern Coast of Santo Domingo yesterday to meet Sanchez on board the Dominican cruiser Presidente, the only war vessel remaining in the hands of the government. It is believed he intends to attack San Domingo in conjunction with General Luis Maria Hernandez, governor of San Pedro De Macoris, who has left that city in order to gather recruits for the government forces. If the capital is attacked a stubborn resistance is expected on the part of the revolutionists. General Echenique, President Vasquez's chief of staff, who was wounded in the foot during the fight at San Domingo on Monday, is dead. General Lico Castillo, who commanded the government troops at San Domingo, and who was reported to have been killed, is alive, but suffering from a wound. Several skirmishes have taken place in this vicinity and the government forces have lost considerable quantities of ammunition, arms and provisions. In addition, about 20 government soldiers have been killed and a number wounded.

A tourist in a remote part of Ireland, having stayed the night at a wayside inn not usually frequented by visitors, informed the landlord in the morning that his boots, which had been placed outside his room door, had not been touched.

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Vancouver Man Gives Evidence

In the Case of the King vs Estes For Attempting to Delay Mails.

Vancouver Board of Trade Officials Tell of Arbitration Efforts.

The case of the King vs. Estes for inciting the crews of the steamers Charmer and Danube to desert and thus delay His Majesty's mails, was continued in the Police Court yesterday, when several witnesses from Vancouver were examined concerning the workings of the strike. The president and secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade gave evidence concerning the meetings of the arbitration committee and the strikers, and Robt. Brook, an officer of the strikers, also gave evidence in regard to Estes' connection with the strike, most in connection with the tying up of the tug Czar. Capt. Christensen, of the Czar, was also examined in this connection, and then an adjournment was taken until this morning.

H. T. Lockyer, manager of the Hudson's Bay Co. and president of the Vancouver Board of Trade, said the Vancouver Board of Trade had an arbitration committee, which met Estes and the strikers' committee at Vancouver, and as a result certain propositions were made to the C. P. R., and communications were made to the strikers. Meetings were held with them, Estes being present. Estes took the leading part in the interviews. Most of the negotiations between the Board of Trade committee and the strikers' committee were conducted through Estes. The meeting between the committees lasted three hours. Estes placed the strikers' position before the Board of Trade committee. He said the strike had been called not for higher wages or shorter hours, but for "the right to exist." He also spoke of the steps that had been taken to accomplish their object and of their plans. Witness gathered from remarks that it would be a fight to the finish, and everything that could be done to accomplish the strikers' end would be done. Estes read documents to show the sympathy the strikers could expect from outside sources. They expected help from the miners. One telegram Estes read was for the purpose of getting help from the miners. It struck the witness that the intention was to shut off the coal supply from the C. P. R. Estes said the strike would extend to every union man in British Columbia, in all probability, and witness thought also the Western States. One or two members of the strikers' executive spoke in justification of the strike. They were willing to concede less than Estes and would usually come to Estes' opinion. Witness thought they follow d Estes' lead. Another meeting was held between the railway officials, the arbitration committee and the strikers. Estes was not present, the officials having failed to allow him to be present. Estes attended, but remained in another room, and now and then some of the strikers would retire to the adjoining room and consult him.

A warmer meeting was held the next day—a joint meeting of the various striking unions. Estes was present. The arbitration committee reported to Estes that some re-arrangement of the agreement drawn up between Mr. Bascombe, of the committee, and Estes for the strikers, was necessary. The proposed modifications were discussed. It was pointed out that the railway officials would not recognize an agreement which included a clause for the recognition of the U. B. R. E. When this was stated, some of those present stated that they were loosing their time. Witness could not swear who said so. Estes stated, after the agreement had been placed with the general superintendent, to witness that he hoped it would be accepted, as he had to use all "animal magnetism" he possessed to get some of the executive committee to concede some of the points.

At the first meeting of the arbitration committee and strikers' committee, at which Estes was present, he said they were going to lock up this whole Western country and tie up the C. P. R. Witness did not remember any particular expression Estes used. He certainly formed the opinion that the general object was to tie up the C. P. R. Witness was not cross-examined.

William Skene, secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade and acting secretary of the arbitration committee, said he was present at the first meeting with the strikers' executive, at which Estes was present. The meeting was called for the purpose of getting the views of the strikers, with the object of placing them before the C. P. R. There were about seven of the arbitration committee and seven of the strikers' committee present. Estes made a clear statement of the scope of the U. B. R. E., which he said was first started at Winnipeg, and an association was afterwards made in the United States. Estes said what the strikers' wanted was simply "hands off." He spoke of communication with the Western Federation of Miners, which comprised all the miners from Vancouver to Mexico, and this organization would be a wheel within a wheel. He said if the railway company intended to kill them, it would be a fight to a finish. Estes said he had asked the Western Federation of Miners to call out their miners, and it would be impossible for the C. P. R. to get a sound of coal. The inference was that all the unions would be called out. The C. P. R. was to be tied up at Vancouver and all the shipping. The idea was to fight to a finish, and they would take all possible steps to coerce the company.

A document was drawn up as a result of this meeting. Estes took part in the drawing up of the agreement, which was submitted to the C. P. R. As a result another meeting meeting was held that night. The Board of Trade went into the underwriter's offices, consisting of three rooms. The C. P. R. officials refused to meet Estes, and he went to another room. When the meeting ended the committee had a meeting with the strikers and the document was modified, Estes taking part in the modification.

Witness noticed that Estes seemed to be head man among the strikers. He was their spokesman, and they seemed to look to him always. Estes argued fairly and witness noticed that the others would give in. Witness remembered Estes having said, "he had used every ounce of magnetism" in persuading some of the strikers' committee to agree to the modified document which was submitted to the C. P. R. He was not cross-examined.

Robert iBrook, of Vancouver, chief clerk in the C. P. R. telegraph office and chairman of the U. B. R. E. division at Vancouver, was a striker. He met Estes first last November in Vancouver, when he paid a visit to Vancouver. There was no talk of a strike then. Estes returned to Vancouver early in the year, and on the evening of February 27, after the strike was declared, he again went to Vancouver. A number of members of the U. B. R. E. had been sent East and the U. B. R. E. thought the company were taking steps to disrupt them. Headquarters were advised. Estes was the president of the U. B. R. E. He came to Vancouver on the first occasion; he settled an impending trouble and they asked him to come again. The U. B. R. E. were the first to go out on strike. The other unions went out as a result. Estes regretted the strike and was disappointed that it had occurred. Estes was averse to strikes taking place, the same as others are. Witness did not remember Estes having regretted the strike because of the lack of organization. The strike was conducted by the executive committee. Estes attended the meetings of the executive on rare occasions. He had a great deal of his own correspondence to attend to. Witness was at all meetings of the executive. The committee got him to come into the meetings at odd times. There was much work to be done in connection with the strike. Witness worked harder at them than before he went out. He could not remember Estes being present at any meeting when the coal supply was discussed. He heard of the Czar being tied up. He was present at a meeting with Clarence Marpole relative to this. Mr. Marpole wanted to get coal for Vancouver. Estes wrote out a statement for Mr. Thomson to certify that the coal the Czar was to bring was for the city. Witness fenced for a long time regarding the object of this certificate being given. Estes wrote because he can write better than Mr. Thomson. Witness could not say, though, why Estes was brought into the matter. Witness took no part in the conversation, nor did he care who got the coal.

The witness answered very evasively, and much time was lost in eliciting answers in regard to the calling out of the crew of the barge Transfer, and the agreement made with Mr. C. Marpole at the Commercial hotel to allow the coal to be brought to Vancouver. Finally Mr. McNeill, who examined this witness, pressed a question as to whether he would swear that he did not know what the agreement was for. All he knew, said witness, was that Clarence Marpole wanted to get coal for the people of Vancouver. He did not remember Estes telling Thomson that he could now fix matters up. He would not swear that such a statement was not made.

Mr. McNeill—Why was it necessary to see Estes in connection with that matter?

Witness—Well, when things are tied up, you generally go to some one.

Mr. McNeill—To the man who has the power to do it? Who was the man?

Witness—The man who tied the vessel up.

Mr. McNeill—Who is the head of that department, Mr. Thompson?

Witness—He is president of the B. C. S. S.

There was a lengthy series of questions bearing on this point, all of which witness answered most evasively. He was voluble and discussed the questions aside from the point; but fenced whenever the question became direct. He did not hear Thomson say he would not let the Transfer go without Estes' order. Estes had not control. He could not say why Thomson went to Estes.

The strikers' committee with representatives of all the striking unions, conducted the strike. Estes did not advise them how to conduct the strike.

Finally the witness said: "You keep bringing in Estes' name. He's not running this show."

Witness continued that Estes was not consulted as to calling out the other unions. Their action was governed by the general laws of unionism. Estes' opinion was asked at times. They would follow his advice, if good, but not if they thought otherwise. Witness would not be governed by any man's opinion. He was not cross-examined.

An adjournment was then taken until 2:30 p.m.

Capt. Christensen, of the tug Czar, was next called. He said the barge Transfer, running from Vancouver to Ladysmith, had been tied up. He had interviewed Thomson about this, but could not secure the release. He had seen Thomson again, but he did not seem able to do anything until he saw Estes. They went to Estes at the Commercial hotel, discussed the matter. Estes said he would let the boat go, if she would pack no freight or coal for the C. P.R., and with the sanction of others, an arrangement was made, and Estes asked Thomson to see that the captain could have men for the vessel. Thomson was asked to give a note that everything was satisfactory, which he gave. The agreement, as a result of which the steamer was released, was drawn up by Estes. It didn't seem as if Thomson had authority to do so. The conversation was between C. Marpole and Estes. Thomson said nothing. Witness had called on Thomson, who could not accomplish anytaing, and they had both gone to Estes. Thomson was unable to give any satisfaction until he saw Estes. Brook, the former witness, was present at the meeting with Estes at the Commercial hotel. The conditions under which the Czar was allowed to go was that she was to carry no freight in or out of Vancouver or carry coal for the C. P. R. As a result of this agreement, the Czar was allowed to leave.

An adjournment was taken until this morning at 10:30, Mr. Bodwell saying that he had several other witnesses subpoened, but he did not know whether it would be necessary to call them until the mail arrived from Vancouver.

LOGGERS AND MILL MEN.

Remarks Attributed One of the Latter at Vancouver Meeting Incorrect.

Vancouver, March 24.—Referring to the article which appeared in the Ledger of the 21st inst., setting forth in a measure the alleged views of the mill men regarding the proposed amendments of the timber law, and the recent meeting of the committees representing the loggers and the mill men, Mr. W. Shannon says: The remarks attributed to a mill man in this connection are misleading and untrue. In the first place the committee representing the loggers did not represent the broker and speculation element, as stated, but were chosen by the loggers to look after their interests, because the members were resident in town, and were in touch with the lumber industry, while every member was directly or indirectly in the logging business. One member is a logger employing from 60 to 80 men, and has four camps working in the woods. The speculation complained of by the mill men there is no evidence of as yet. The claims taken up under the special licenses are being worked if they are any good. The mill men first instituted the present plan. In the old days the mill men used to pay a salary to the cruisers to locate timber. This was found too expensive, and not satisfactory. They then gave them so much an acre for locating timber to suit them. In former days the pay was 50 cents an acre. Now it is as high as $1 and $1.25 an acre. This is practically the plan still adopted and the cruisers are more in demand than ever they were because the timber is harder to find. The plan adopted is for the cruiser to protect himself by staking the property so that if one mill turned it down another mill might take it up. Thus the cruiser is paid for his knowledge and labor and nothing more. Timber cruisers are a class of men, no matter what changes in the timber law, cannot be done without.

"To those who are acquainted with the timber situation it is evident that the mill men are not afraid of speculation, but it is believed that what they want is to control the whole of the timber and compel the logger to work for them on their ground. Another reason why the mill men want to lock up the timber of the country is to make their holdings more valuable. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been loaned on these acquired leaseholds by money-lenders, and many of them are not represented by mills, there has never been a plank sawn on them, and this timber is in the market now, and naturally the money lenders, combined with the mills, want to shut up government timber until they can sell their own. I know one office has 150,000 acres for sale.

"In conclusion, all that the loggers are contending for is some measure that is fair and just to the whole country, a measure that will safeguard the public interest. We are working to break up a monopoly that is against the interests of the general public.

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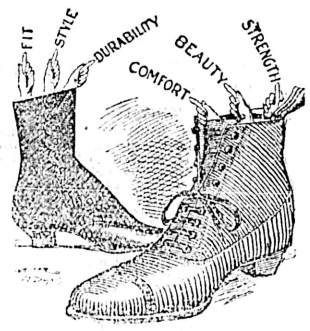

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